



Colorado police investigate, protect pedophilia author

DENVER — Police are investigating whether the author of a guide for pedophiles did anything illegal even as they try to protect him from a threat posted on a local website.


Phillip Ray Greaves II of Pueblo has drawn national attention because his self-published book for sale on Amazon offers advice to pedophiles on how to make a sexual encounter with a child as safe as possible.

Pueblo police heard news reports about the book and went to Greaves' home Thursday morning to interview him. Pueblo Detective Dustin Taylor described Greaves as cooperative and said he gave detectives a copy of the book when they asked for one.

"He was just a normal man. He didn't seem unnerved by us being there," Taylor said.

Police told Greaves that he'd been threatened on a local website and that they would monitor his home for his safety. Taylor said the author didn't seem fearful. Police would not elaborate on the threat, and the message was removed from the website, Taylor said.

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Supporters of Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi hold portraits of their detained leader at her National League for Democracy (NLD) headquarters in Yangon, Myanmar, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. An ally of Suu Kyi said an order for her release has been signed by Myanmar's ruling generals, as hundreds of supporters gathered Friday at her political party headquarters and near her residence in anticipation.

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High court allows gay military ban for now



FILE - In this April 9, 2010 file photo, the Supreme Court is seen in Washington. The Supreme Court on Friday allowed the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy on gays in the military to remain in place while a federal appeals court considers the issue.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

By MARK SHERMAN,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday allowed the Pentagon to continue preventing openly gay people from serving in the military while a federal appeals court reviews the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The court did not comment in denying a request from the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay rights group, to step into the ongoing

federal court review of "don't ask, don't tell." The Obama administration urged the high court not to get involved at this point.

Last month, a federal judge ruled that the policy violates the civil rights of gay Americans and she issued an injunction barring the Pentagon from applying it. But the San Francisco-based appeals court said the policy could remain in effect while it considers the administration's appeal.

"Log Cabin Republicans are disappointed that the Supreme Court decided to maintain the status quo with regards to 'don't ask, don't tell,' but we are not surprised," said R. Clarke Cooper, the group's executive director. "We are committed to pursuing every avenue in the fight against this failed and unconstitutional policy."

President Barack Obama has pledged to push lawmakers to repeal the law in the lame-duck session before a new Congress is sworn in. But administration lawyers have in the meantime defended "don't ask, don't tell" in court.

The policy, which prohibits gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military, was lifted for eight days in October after U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips ruled that it is unconstitutional. The Obama administration asked the appeals court to reinstate the ban until it could hear arguments on the broader constitutional issues next year.

Justice Elena Kagan did not take part in the court's consideration of the issue. Kagan served as the administration's chief Supreme Court lawyer before she became a justice in August. □

Palin e-mail hacker sentenced to year in custody



David Kernell, third from left, walks to the Federal Courthouse with his mother, Lt. Col. Lillian Landrigan, second from left, and attorneys Wade Davies, far left, and Anne Passino, right, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 in Knoxville, Tenn. Kernell was a University of Tennessee student majoring in economics when prosecutors say he hacked into the Yahoo! e-mail account Palin sometimes used for state business.

(AP Photo/Wade Payne)

By BILL POOVEY, Associated Press Bill Poovey, KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A former University of Tennessee student who

hacked into Sarah Palin's e-mail account during the 2008 presidential campaign was sentenced Friday to a year and a day in custody,

with the judge recommending a halfway house instead of prison.

The sentence by U.S. District Judge Thomas W. Phillips fell short of the 18 months in prison sought by federal prosecutors to send a message to would-be hackers during political campaigns, but went beyond the probation recommended by defense attorneys for 22-year-old David Kernell. The additional day of his sentence will make him eligible for a reduced sentence for good behavior.

Phillips said Kernell should get mental health treatment, based on defense comments Friday that he has had conditions including depression since he was 11.

Kernell hugged family members and friends after hearing the sentence but declined comment as they left the courthouse with his attorney. Kernell had apologized during the

sentencing hearing.

"I am not going to make any kind of excuses," he said. "I'd like to apologize to the Palin family."

"For the rest of my life I am going to be ashamed, feel guilty for what I have done," he said.

Palin, who did not attend the sentencing, previously declined comment about Kernell's punishment and said it should be up to the judge. Her attorney did not answer an e-mail Friday seeking comment.

A jury in late April convicted Kernell of unauthorized access to a protected computer and destroying records to impede a federal investigation. Jurors acquitted him of wire fraud and deadlocked on an identity theft charge. He was an economics major when he deduced the answers to security questions and intruded into Palin's private e-mail account weeks before the 2008 election.

The former Alaska governor and her daughter Bristol testified at the trial that the hacking, followed by Kernell's online bragging and providing a password and Palin family telephone numbers to others, caused them emotional hardship.

Palin and her daughter submitted victim impact statements. But in an e-mail, the chief of the U.S. Probation Office in Knoxville declined a request from The Associated Press to view the document.

Prosecutors in a pre-sentence filing said Kernell, a Democratic legislator's son, had posted online that he found "nothing that would derail her campaign as I had hoped, all I saw was personal stuff, some clerical stuff from when she was governor ... And pictures of her family ... I read everything, every little Blackberry confirmation ... all the pictures, and there was nothing..." □



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Greaves, 47, has no criminal record and is not a registered sex offender, Taylor said. Taylor said authorities kept the book but don't expect criminal charges at this point.

"At this point we're still reviewing it, though there's still no indication of any crime being committed," Taylor said. The book, "The Pedophile's Guide to Love and Pleasure: a Child-lover's Code of Conduct," includes first-person descriptions of such encounters, purportedly written from a child's point of view.

Greaves also self-published other books on Amazon and was a frequent writer to the Pueblo Chieftain editorial page. His letters to the editor were mostly about local matters and the role of government. Last month, Greaves wrote a letter calling for criminal fines to go to "randomly selected charities" instead of the government.

Amazon has declined comment to The Associated Press. Greaves also declined an interview but told The Smoking Gun website on Wednesday that he suffers from depression and that he had sexual contact with children while still a child himself.

The website said that when asked if he had engaged in sexual acts with children as an adult, Greaves first said "could have" before saying that he hadn't. He also said he suffered a mental collapse about three years ago while working as a nursing home aide. Greaves said he had only sold one book and insisted it doesn't advocate for adults to harm children.

"The best advice I can give a pedophile is, accept that masturbation is your best friend," Greaves told The Smoking Gun. □

Suspect turns case against priest

LOS ANGELES – Will Lynch is looking for justice in an unusual way. Charged with savagely beating the priest he says molested him as a child, he plans to try to use his trial to publicly shame the Rev. Jerold Lindner in court.

Law experts say he faces an uphill battle. However, priest abuse victims are cheering Lynch on and offering to donate to his defense fund.

"Somebody needs to be a face for this abuse and I'm prepared to put myself on the line," Lynch told The Associated Press in the first interview since his arrest last month. "There's nothing they can take from me that they haven't already taken."

Lynch is accused of luring Lindner to the lobby of a retirement home in May and beating him bloody in front of horrified witnesses. Lynch, 43, plans to plead not guilty at his arraignment on an assault charge Friday.

Lynch accuses the 65-year-old Jesuit priest of sexually abusing him and his younger brother in 1975 during weekend camping trips in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The boys, 7 and 4 at the time, were raped and forced to have oral sex with each other while Lindner watched, Lynch said. Lindner has repeatedly denied abusing anyone and has never been criminally charged. He hung up Wednesday when the AP called him for comment.

In a deposition in the late 1990s, Lindner said he didn't recall Lynch or his brother, though the siblings received \$625,000 in a 1998 confidential settlement with the Jesuits for alleged abuse by the priest.

Lynch says memories of the priest have tormented him

for years, and he struggled through alcohol abuse, depression, nightmares and divorce. He tried to commit suicide twice and told the Los Angeles Times in 2002 that he often thought about confronting Lindner.

Authorities say Lynch acted on that fantasy when he attacked the priest on May 10 after the cleric failed to recognize him at the Jesuits' Sacred Heart retirement home in Los Gatos. Lindner has recovered from the attack.

Lynch refused to discuss the beating in the AP interview last week. However, he said he hopes to use his case to bring attention to Lindner's alleged abuse, as well as to heighten awareness of clergy sex abuse and encourage other victims to come forward.

"He took my faith, he took my innocence, he took my sense of self," Lynch said of Lindner. "He raped me, he tortured me, he violated me in every single way, and he completely changed who I was supposed to be forever."

"I think there's an opportunity here with this media attention that I can possibly ... help people seek justice," Lynch said.

Investigators say they have strong evidence that Lynch carried out the beating. However, defense attorney Pat Harris has countered by suggesting that the priest had many victims and enemies and that any number of people could have attacked him. At least 10 people have accused Lindner of molestation, including family members.

Harris says that could allow the defense to bring the priest's other accusers as witnesses in a trial that would portray Lynch as a sympathetic victim.



Experts say that is unlikely. "I can understand why he might believe that this might be a good method of shedding light on what happened years ago, but it's unlikely that at trial the evidence of

the alleged abuse would be admitted," said Rebecca Lonergan, a former federal and state prosecutor who now teaches law at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law. □

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4 missing from Ohio home; truck found near college



HOWARD, Ohio — Authorities were searching for an Ohio woman, her two children and a female friend in an investigation that prompted an overnight lockdown on the campus of Kenyon College, where the woman's pickup truck was found nearby, a sheriff said Friday. The children's father said blood was discovered in the mother's home. The 32-year-old mother, Tina Herrmann, was reported missing by her boyfriend on Wednesday, and her co-worker at a Dairy Queen went to her home in Howard to check on her when she didn't show up for work on Thursday, Knox County Sheriff David Barber told WBNS-TV. Also missing are the woman's 13-year-old

daughter, Sarah Maynard, her 10-year-old son, Kody Maynard, and a 41-year-old woman who is a friend, he said. The sheriff did not immediately return messages seeking to confirm the friend's name.

"When (Herrmann's co-worker) went in, she saw some things out of place," the sheriff told the television station. A subsequent police search of the house determined that it was in an "unusual condition" for a place where a woman and two children were living, Barber said.

The father of the two children, Larry Maynard, told WBNS he talked to the co-worker.

"She went into the home, and when she went into the home, from my understanding,

that she seen some blood in the home. And at that point she turned around and left," Maynard said.

It was unclear what led to the disappearance of the four, and the sheriff did not elaborate. Maynard said it was unlike Herrmann to go away without letting him know. He did not immediately return messages seeking further comment.

The split-level house is surrounded by trees and sits isolated on a relatively short, rural roadway. Both ends of the road were blocked off Friday with yellow crime-scene tape, as sheriff's deputies stood guard. The friend's vehicle was found parked at the home, authorities said.

Herrmann's pickup truck was at the home Wednesday when the boyfriend reported her missing, the sheriff said, but it was found abandoned Thursday night on property owned by Kenyon College, about 50 miles northeast of Columbus. The college ordered a lockdown of all students until 7 a.m. Friday.

The truck was discovered at the Brown Family Environmental Center, across the road from campus, but was later removed. The sheriff's

office told the school that the vehicle was believed to be connected to a crime scene.

An e-mail sent to Kenyon students, provided to The Associated Press, says "local law enforcement advised of a potentially dangerous person in the vicinity."

Shawn Presley, a Kenyon College spokesman, said authorities were referring to a suspect linked to the missing women and children.

He said the college did not believe there was any threat to students and that the lockdown instructing students to go to their residents halls and remain there was done strictly as a precaution. Authorities did not say whether they found anyone, Presley said.

David McCabe, 18, a Kenyon freshman from New York, said the college sent vans to take students to their dorms from the campus library and student center.

"At first people were a little nervous, but I think in general most people felt pretty safe," McCabe said, speaking of the students in his dorm. The college radio station kept students updated on the situation, McCabe said.

"As it became clear that

the lockdown was more a precaution than a threat, people became a little calmer," he said.

The sheriff's office declined to comment on the situation. The state's Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation was providing crime scene assistance, said spokesman Ted Hart, who deferred other questions to the sheriff. Sarah Maynard is a 7th grader at East Knox Middle School, where her brother is in the 5th grade, school officials said. The district had staff available if any students were upset about their missing classmates and wanted to talk, Superintendent Matt Caputo said Friday.

Bill Miller, a bus driver for the East Knox local schools, said he was very familiar with the two children and said he picked them up every day as part of his route.

"(They are) perfect kids, never had any trouble with the kids. They were great," Miller said, stopping to talk in his car Friday morning while driving to his bus. "They're always out in the yard, playing ball back and forth, kicking stuff around. No problems I ever saw." □

Hearing over Tennessee mosque puts Islam on trial

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Islam is suddenly on trial in a booming Nashville suburb, where opponents of a new mosque have spent six days in court trying to link it to what they claim is a conspiracy to take over America by imposing restrictive religious rule.

The hearing is supposed to be about whether Rutherford County officials violated Tennessee's open meetings law when they approved the mosque's site plan. Instead, plaintiff's attorney Joe Brandon Jr. has used it as a forum to question whether the world's second-biggest faith even qualifies as a religion, and to push a theory that American Muslims want to replace the Constitution with extremist Islamic law.

"Do you want to know about a direct connection between

the Islamic Center and Shariah law, a.k.a. terrorism?" Brandon asked one witness in a typical line of questioning. Brandon has repeatedly conflated a moderate version of Shariah with its most extreme manifestations, suggesting that all Muslims must adhere to those interpretations.

At one point, he asked whether Rutherford County Commissioner Gary Farley supported hanging a whip in his house as a warning to his wife and then beating her with it, something Brandon claimed was part of "Shariah religion."

The commissioner protested that he would never beat his wife.

County attorney Jim Cope objected to the question, saying, "This is a circus."

The rhetoric has conjured up comparisons to another

culture clash that played out in a Tennessee courtroom a hundred miles and nearly a century away from Murfreesboro, a college city of 100,000 that is among the fastest-growing communities in the country. In 1925, the world watched as evolution came under attack at the Scopes monkey trial in Dayton, Tenn.

Chancellor Robert Corlew has consistently given the plaintiffs leeway to present testimony by nonexperts and documents that they cannot prove are legitimate, saying he reserves the right to strike things from the record later.

Corlew, who holds an elected office, has given little explanation for why he has allowed the testimony to stray so far afield.

Since it is not a jury trial, the judge can ultimately disregard



anything he deems irrelevant. Several attorneys suggested he may want the plaintiffs, three residents who object to how the mosque came about, to feel they were able to have their say. That could explain why Corlew has allowed Brandon to repeatedly question witnesses about whether Islam is a legitimate religion even after the Department of

Justice stepped in with a brief stating that it was.

When Farley, the commissioner, told Brandon the federal government defined Islam as a religion, Brandon responded, "Are you one of those people who believes everything the government says? Are you aware the government once said it was OK to own slaves?" □

G-20 refuses to back US push on China's currency

By VIJAY JOSHI,

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Leaders of 20 major economies on Friday refused to back a U.S. push to make China boost its currency's value, keeping alive a dispute that raises fears of a global trade war amid criticism that cheap Chinese exports are costing American jobs.

A joint statement issued by the leaders including President Barack Obama and China's Hu Jintao tried to recreate the unity that was evident when the Group of 20 rich and developing nations held its first summit two years ago during the global financial meltdown.

But deep divisions, especially over the U.S.-China currency dispute, left G-20 officials negotiating all night to draft a watered-down statement for the leaders to endorse.

"Instead of hitting home runs sometimes we're gonna hit singles. But they're really important singles," Obama told a news conference after the summit.

Other leaders also tried to portray the summit as a success, pointing to their pledges to fight protectionism and develop guidelines next year that will measure the imbalances between trade surplus and trade deficit countries.

The G-20's failure to adopt the U.S. stand has underlined Washington's reduced influence on the international stage, especially on economic matters. In another setback, Obama also failed to conclude a free trade agreement this week with South Korea.

The biggest disappointment for the United States was the pledge by the leaders to refrain from "competitive devaluation" of currencies.

Such a statement is of little consequence since countries usually only devalue their currencies — making it less worth against the dollar — in extreme situations like a severe financial crisis.

The statement decided against using a slightly different wording favored by the U.S. — "competitive undervaluation," which would have shown the G-20 taking a stronger stance on China's currency policy.

The crux of the dispute is Washington's allegations that Beijing is artificially keeping its currency, the yuan, weak to gain a trade advantage.

U.S. business lobbies say that a cheaper yuan costs American jobs because production moves to China to take advantage of low labor costs and undervalued currency.

A stronger yuan would shrink the U.S. trade deficit with China, which is on track this year to match its 2008 record of \$268 billion, and encourage Chinese companies to sell more to their own consumers rather than rely so much on the U.S. and others to buy low-priced Chinese goods.

But the U.S. position has been undermined by its own central bank's decision to print \$600 billion to boost a sluggish economy, which is weakening the dollar.

Also, developing countries like Thailand and Indonesia fear that much of the "hot" money will flood their markets, where returns are higher. Such emerging markets could be left vulnerable to a crash if investors later decide to pull out and move their money elsewhere.

Obama said China's currency policy is an "irritant" not just for the United States but for many of its other trading partners. The G-20 countries — ranging from industrialized

nations such as U.S. and Germany to developing ones like China, Brazil and India — account for 85 percent of the world's economic activity. "China spends enormous amounts of money intervening in the market to keep it undervalued so what we have said is it is important for China in a gradual fashion to transition to a market based system," Obama said.

The dispute is threatening to resurrect destructive protectionist policies like those that worsened the Great Depression in the 1930s.

The biggest fear is that trade barriers will send the global economy back into recession.

The possibility of a currency war "absolutely" remains, said Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega.

Friday's statement is also unlikely to resolve the most vexing problem facing the G-20 members: how to fix a global economy that's long been marked by huge U.S. trade deficits with exporters like China, Germany and Japan.

Americans consume far more in foreign goods and services



President Barack Obama waves with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, right, after attending the G-20 SME Finance Challenge Award winners ceremony at the G-20 summit in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

from these countries than they sell abroad.

The G-20 leaders said they will try to reduce the gaps between nations running large trade surpluses and those running deficits.

The "persistently large imbalances" in current accounts — a broad measure of a nation's trade and investment with the rest of the world — would be measured by what they called "indicative guidelines" to be determined later.

The leaders called for the

guidelines to be developed by the G-20, along with help from the International Monetary Fund and other global organizations, and for finance ministers and central bank governors to meet in the first half of next year to discuss progress.

Analysts were not convinced. "Leaders are putting the best face on matters by suggesting that it is the process that matters rather than results," said Stephen Lewis, chief economist for London-based Monument Securities. □



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NH hotel sparking mountain of a legal challenge



CONCORD, N.H. — New Hampshire's Mount Washington is famous for its bad weather. But a different storm is brewing as the new owners of a historic hotel fight to keep the peak's name for themselves.

State lawmaker Ed Butler said Thursday that the Florida-based company that owns the 108-year-old Mount Washington Hotel and Resort has told other businesses with "Mount Washington" in their name to stop using it or face a

legal challenge.

Officials with the company that bought the hotel in Bretton Woods in 2006, CNL Lifestyle Co., say that the name was never trademarked and that they are reaching out to only three other lodging businesses with "Mount Washington" in their name, all in northern New Hampshire. "We're not about trying to put a fence around the name 'Mount Washington' as it could relate to other businesses," said Stephen

Rice, senior vice president of CNL. "Those properties have nothing to fear."

He said the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has agreed with the company that there is a likelihood of confusion when it comes to other lodging properties that share the name. Rice said the company has invested millions in the hotel and resort to bring it back to its turn-of-the-century days.

"It was important for us as we made these investments to make sure that that the name would always belong to the Mount Washington, and be there to support the image and the reputation and the brand that it is," he said.

Two of the businesses, which they declined to name, have been working with them on a solution; the third has not been formally contacted yet.

For decades Mount Washington, at 6,288 feet the Northeast's highest peak, held the world record for the strongest wind gust a 231-mph breeze recorded in April 1934. Ten years later, the hotel was the setting for a conference that laid the groundwork for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

In an area where the mountain's name is stamped on everything from the local chamber of commerce to a towing company, some people aren't happy about CNL's efforts.

"I don't know how they could do it," said Ned Sullivan of North Conway, who owns Mount Washington Valley Vacation Rentals for 10 years. He said he didn't receive a letter but was upset nonetheless.

"I guess you're not afraid to move into the neighborhood and make a huge stink, as they are," he said.

Butler, chairman of the House Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee and owner of an inn in Hart's Location, said he first heard about the hotel's request in September from another small business owner. The owner received a letter from the hotel and CNL saying they were challenging the use of "Mount Washington" in the business name.

"They contacted me and were outraged, and subsequently, I was outraged," said Butler, who declined to name the business. "They are currently

in legal challenges to the cease-and-desist order that they received, and I am not at liberty to get them involved."

The Associated Press left messages seeking comment at the Mount Washington Bed and Breakfast in nearby Shelburne and the Mount Washington Valley Inn in North Conway. Neither called back.

Larry Magor, managing director of the hotel, said the company is trying to protect the resort's identity, not patent the name.

Rice cited Pinehurst, N.C. as an example.

"Pinehurst has been trademarked to apply to the famous golf course there and resort that includes it, even though there is a long history of the use of Pinehurst in other applications," he said.

"The community, as I understand it, has actually come together about that, because they realize they've been able to protect an iconic asset that is very much a foundation of the economy of that region, just as Mount Washington serves as a same anchor for a regional tourism economy."

Pa. game warden probing night hunting is killed

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — A game warden investigating possible nighttime hunting and poaching was shot to death, and police took a man with a history of burglary convictions into custody following an 11-hour search. David Grove, a 31-year-old Pennsylvania Game Commission wildlife conservation officer, was killed Thursday night in Freedom Township, southwest of Gettysburg.

Christopher Lynn Johnson was detained Friday morning

in nearby Franklin Township, state police said. Authorities planned an afternoon news conference to discuss the case, but police said they were not searching for anyone else related to the investigation. Police earlier had said the 27-year-old should be considered armed and dangerous.

Grove, of Fairfield, had been investigating reports of nighttime shooting and poaching at the time he was killed, game commission spokesman Jerry Feaser said.

"This was a malicious act," Feaser told The Associated Press. The last time a game commission officer was killed in the line of duty was 1915, he said.

Commission executive director Carl Roe called Grove "a bright, young officer" dedicated to promoting Pennsylvania's hunting heritage.

"Our prayers and thoughts go out to WCO Grove's family and friends, as we mourn the loss of one of our own," he said.



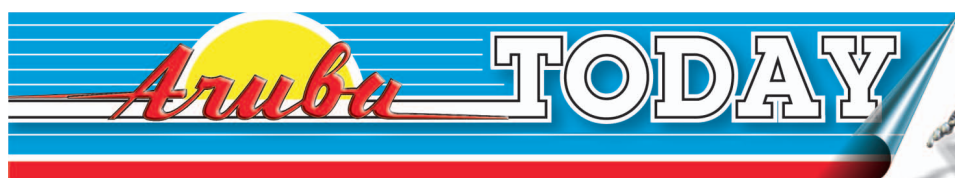
Adams County Coroner Pat Felix said an autopsy was under way to determine the cause and manner of death, but she said it appeared Grove had been shot to death.

Online court records list a Christopher Lynn Johnson with a history of burglary convictions and a 2005 guilty plea to a charge of fleeing an officer and endangering the

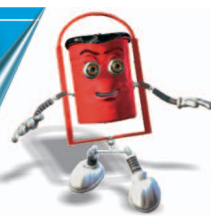
welfare of children.

Grove graduated from Penn State University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in wildlife and fisheries science, according to the game commission.

The last game commission officer to be shot and killed in the line of duty was Joseph McHugh in Weatherly, Carbon County, on Nov. 7, 1915. □



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International Beach Tennis Event schedule announced

HADICURARI - Time flies and the greatly anticipated Marriott Stellaris International Beach Tennis Event is almost upon us. The tournament, with 300 local players and almost 100 participants from abroad, will be bigger and more fun than ever, although that might be hard to envision. "We're trying to improve every year; come and see what we do in 2010," said organizer Sjoerd de Vries about the new set-up and lay-out of the beach tennis site at MooMba Beach. A tower for the tournament director, bleachers and more are being erected as we speak. The schedule of the four-day event is a nice mix of matches in all categories, varying from singles, a Nations Cup, a junior tournament and the doubles and mixed doubles matches. The tournament starts off on Wednesday, November 17 with registration and an opening night at MooMba's Beach Bar from 6 – 9 pm. Players will meet and greet each other there, try on their new event tee-shirts and peruse their schedules, figuring out their chances.

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Silverado's Russ Weis will be at A Passionate Encounter



EAGLE BEACH - Russ Weis, general manager of prestigious Silverado Vineyards in the Napa Valley, California, will be present at A Passionate Encounter. This is the name of a wonderful dinner on the beach, which will be held in his honor on November 15. Chef Marc Giesbers has thought up a delightful three-course dinner to accompany several outstanding Silverado wines, among them an outstanding Estate grown Silverado Vineyards Carbernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2006 and a superb Limited Late Harvest 2003 dessert wine. A Passionate Encounter is held at Amsterdam Manor's Passions on the Beach; the Arion Wine Company is Silverado Vineyards' representative on Aruba.

Russ Weis was born among the grapes, so to speak, into a family of grape growers in Madera, California. He worked in the vineyards side by side with his father and grandfather when he was young. This experience proved to be the foundation

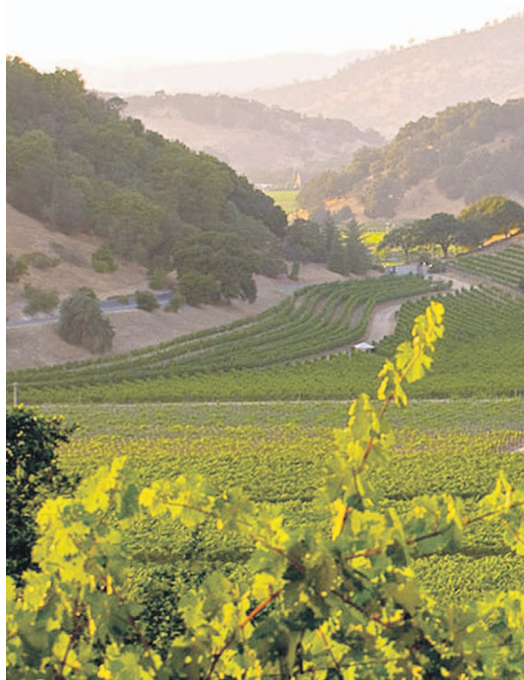
of a career in fine wine that would take Russ around the world.

Having moved to the Napa Valley to pursue degrees in Literature and French, Russ' path in life took him to legendary winemaker Brother Timothy of Christian Brothers. His familiarity with foreign countries and languages resulted in his becoming Global Brand Manager for California Wines in 1990. In

1993, Russ joined the Robert Mondavi Winery where he was ultimately named Mondavi Winery's Senior Vice President for Business Development; a position he held until joining Silverado Vineyards in 2004, where he became the company's general manager.

At this time Mr. Weis is a member of the Board of Directors of the Stags Leap District Association,

the International Programs Committee of Napa Valley Vintners and he serves on the board of the Napa Valley Symphony. It will be very interesting to meet this fascinating man on November 15 at Passions on the Beach. The evening at Passions on the Beach starts with a sunset cocktail reception at 18.15 hrs.; guests are seated at 19.00 hrs. □



Stanley & Gail Trzciencki honored at Distinguished Guests



EAGLE BEACH - Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority honored Distinguished Guests of Aruba from Massachusetts. Stanley y Gail Trzciencki were

honored for visiting Aruba for more than 10 consecutive years. The Trzciencki love Aruba for the stable climate, kind people, great restaurants and entertaining casinos.

They love the staff of the Manchebo Beach Resort as it is the ideal vacation spot for their family. General Manager of the Manchebo Resort Edgar Roelof together with

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The group, escorted by ECO Destination Management and staying at the Hyatt Regency reports having a great time on the island. Garufa is gearing up for a busy weekend as the queen of dance, Marisela is back on Aruba performing at

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Susan & Robert celebrate 25 years of marriage

Corrado family exchange renewal of vows



EAGLE BEACH – Reverend Gibson officiated the most romantic ceremony earlier this week just on the cutting edge of a rain storm on Monday, Nov 8, 2010. Robert Corrado met his wife Susan over 26 years ago and fell in love and got married 6 months later. Their parents were both supportive, but both worried that we were rushing into this. Well they proved them all wrong. “We are more in love now than any time before and our love keeps growing every day. We both live by the words that marriage is a work in progress, and you can never forget that. You always must believe in each other, trust each other and most of all love each other in different ways every day. One of my biggest and greatest love for my wife is her smile. I need to see her smile every day, every minute we are together. Sometimes I get carried away and we can just be sitting on the couch quietly and I will jump up and start kissing her madly. I think she likes it??? Hehehe I do the same with my daughter, but it usually involves throwing a pillow at her or something annoying, but no matter what my girls are always smiling or laughing. Life is too short not to have fun.

Susan is a wonderful mother, wife, cook, teacher, home maker, daughter, sister and



wears all those hats without blinking an eye.” Robert says, “My son is me and then some. He is better looking, smarter and loves life more than anyone I know. I have a big trait from my father who I pass down to my son.” Robert’s mother used to say “Life your life! Enjoy your life! Love your life!” and we

all do.” “Reverend Gibson, if either of our children needed a heart, both my wife and I would be fighting over whose heart they would get. Our life is our family.” The renewal of vows was witnessed by Robert and Susan’s children Emila and Michael Corrado. □



International Beach Tennis Event schedule announced



On Thursday, November 18 the Singles tournament is played in all categories from 10 am until 6 pm.

On Friday, November 18 the Nations Cup will get everyone excited, as the national teams will battle it out on the sand. The Nations Cup matches start at 10 am; at 6 pm the regular tournament in the categories Fun, Intermediate, Advanced and Masters begins. Saturday is a busy day, with matches

from 10 am until 10 pm as well as the ITF Pro matches. Sunday morning is for the kids: they play their youth tournament between 9 am and noon, with the knock-out rounds of the adult event starting at 11 am. The ITF Pro finals will be held as the ultimate finale of the event. Last year's incredible final matches still cause goose bumps with a lot of local players.

On Monday, November 22 the Marriott Stellaris International Beach Tennis Event closes off in great style with an awards presentation party at the Marriott Stellaris Casino, the main sponsor of the US \$ 10,000.—prize money tournament. The winners receive casino chips instead of cash money, which they can either cash in or gamble with. Registration for this fun beach tennis event is still possible,

but one has to be quick: do it via www.arubabeachtennis.com.

The tournament's motto is 'every body can play', so just do it! The sponsors of the terrific event are Marriott Stellaris Casino, MooMba Beach, Powerade,

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APNewsBreak: EU in Kosovo probes organ trafficking

NEBI QENA,
Associated Press

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — At least nine people, including a former senior Health Ministry official, are suspected of involvement in an international network that falsely promised poor people payment for their kidneys, then sold the organs for as much as €100,000 (\$137,000), according to an indictment obtained by The Associated Press.

The indictment is the starkest revelation of the extent of organized crime in the country since Kosovo declared independence in 2008.

The organized criminal group trafficked people into Kosovo for the purpose of removing human organs for transplant, EU prosecutor Jonathan Ratel said in the indictment, which he filed in mid-October. Some 20 foreign nationals “were recruited with false promises of payments” in 2008, he wrote.

Victims were promised up to \$20,000 (€14,500), while recipients were required to pay between €80,000 and €100,000 euros (\$110,000-\$137,000).

According to the indictment obtained by the AP on Thursday, the victims came from Moldova, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkey, and lived in “extreme poverty or acute financial distress.”

The EU prosecution has made requests to secure evidence from authorities in Canada, Germany, Kazakhstan and Turkey, including access to e-mails of two suspects on servers in the United States. Ratel is part of the EU’s 2,000-member police and



An elderly man stands outside the Medicus private medical clinic in Kosovo’s capital Pristina, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. At least seven people, including a former senior health ministry official, are suspected of involvement in an international network that falsely promised poor people payment for their kidneys and then sold the organs for as much as euro 100,000 (\$137,000), according to an indictment obtained by The Associated Press.

justice mission, which is in charge of serious crime in Kosovo.

Seven Kosovo nationals, including Ilir Rrecaj, a former senior Health Ministry official, have been charged with five counts, ranging from trafficking in persons to unlawful exercise of medical activity and abuse of power. None of the suspects are in custody.

Kristiina Herodes, a spokesperson for the EU rule of law mission, confirmed the charges.

“Five persons have been charged with offenses of trafficking in human organs, organized crime and abusing official authority and two are charged with unlawful exercise of medical activities,” Herodes said Friday.

Two others — Turkish Dr. Yusuf Sonmez and Moshe

Harel, an Israeli citizen — are listed as wanted by Interpol. Sonmez is the subject of several criminal proceedings in other countries, including Turkey, for human trafficking and removal of organs, according to the indictment. “Both Sonmez and Harel are fugitives from justice,” the indictment said.

The prosecution alleges that one of those indicted, Kosovo surgeon Lutfi Dervishi, was the ringleader of the criminal group. It said Dervishi attended a medical conference in Istanbul in 2006 and asked for someone who could perform organ transplants. He was contacted by Sonmez six months later.

Dervishi and Sonmez then carried out the operations in the private medical clinic Medicus, managed by Dervishi’s son, Arban

Pristina airport while trying to board a flight to Turkey.

The man, identified in the indictment as Yilman Altun, told Kosovo police at the airport he came to the Balkan country to donate his kidney on the invitation of the private clinics. A doctor found Altun was not in good medical condition, and sent him to the Pristina hospital for treatment. When police searched the clinic in November 2008, they found an Israeli citizen in postoperative care, according to the indictment. Police seized medical records and supplies.

Rrecaj was fired from his government post after the raids and the suspects were arrested on Nov. 4, 2008. They denied all accusations and were released after 30 days in detention.

Soon after the raid, the Belgrade-based daily newspaper Blic alleged that Dervishi was linked to allegations that members of the Kosovo Liberation Army kidnapped Serb civilians and killed them for their organs, which they later sold.

The allegations of the trade stemmed from a book by former U.N. War Crimes tribunal prosecutor Carla Del Ponte who claimed that organ harvesting took place in Albania’s remote north. Subsequent investigations did not substantiate the claims.

The indictment has been filed in a local court and a hearing is scheduled for the end of the month, according to EU officials. The prosecution can still add the names of other suspects to the indictment and details of their alleged crimes. □

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Dervishi, who is also indicted. Harel was involved in “identifying, recruiting and transporting victims” and “ensuring the delivery of cash payments by electronic bank transfer” prior to surgery, the indictment said. Two other doctors, Sokol Hajdini and Driton Jilta, are also indicted. Another two doctors, Israeli national Zaki Shapira and Turkish national Kenan Demirkol, are identified in the 46-page document as “unindicted co-conspirators.” Kosovo law forbids the removal and transplant of organs. In 2008, investigators closed the private health clinic where the doctors worked as part of the initial investigation. Kosovo police launched a raid triggered by suspicions that a Turkish man had sold his kidney to an Israeli recipient after he appeared fatigued at

Vigil held for Myanmar pro-democracy leader

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Supporters of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi held a vigil on the eve of Saturday's expiration of her house arrest order, hoping to see the Nobel Peace Prize laureate taste freedom for the first time in seven years.

While scores of people who gathered near her home were disappointed that she was not given an early release Friday night, colleagues said an order to set her free had already been signed by Myanmar's ruling generals. Some 200 people has come earlier when rumors of her impending release were at their height.

Adding to the expectant atmosphere was a sharply stepped-up security presence in Yangon: truckloads of riot police, cruising and parked — a familiar sight to city residents during times of political tension.

The country's first in 20 years was held Nov. 7, and critics allege it was manipulated to give a pro-military party a sweeping victory. Results have been released piecemeal and already have given the junta-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party a majority in both houses of Parliament.

The 1990 election was won in a landslide by Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, but the military refused to hand over power and instead clamped down on opponents.

Jailed or under house arrest for more than 15 of the last 21 years, Suu Kyi has become a symbol for a struggle to rid the Southeast Asian country of decades of military rule.

She was convicted last year of violating the terms of her previous detention by briefly sheltering an American man who swam uninvited to her lakeside home, extending a period of continuous detention that began in 2003, after her motorcade was ambushed in northern Myanmar by a government-backed mob.

"My sources tell me that the release order has been signed," said Tin Oo, vice chairman of Suu Kyi's party. "I hope she will be released."

He did not say when she would be freed or when the order had been signed.

About 300 people gathered excitedly at NLD headquarters earlier in the day, some wearing T-shirts reading, "We stand with you."

"There is no law to hold (Suu Kyi) for another day. Her detention period expires on Saturday and she will be released," her lawyer, Nyan Win, told reporters.

Suu Kyi, 65, has shown her mettle time and again since taking up the democracy struggle in 1988.

Having spent much of her life abroad, she returned home to take care of her ailing mother just as mass demonstrations were breaking out against 25 years of military rule. She was quickly thrust into a leadership role, mainly because she is the daughter of martyred independence leader Gen. Aung San.

She rode out the military's bloody suppression of street demonstrations to help found the NLD. Her principled defiance gained her fame and honor, most notably the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize.

Charismatic, tireless and outspoken, her popularity threatened the country's new military rulers. In 1989, she was detained on trumped-up national security charges and put under house arrest. She was not released until 1995 and has spent various periods in detention since then.

Suu Kyi's freedom has been a key demand of Western nations and groups critical of the military regime's poor human rights record. The military government, seeking to burnish its international image, has responded previously by offering to talk with her, only to later shy away from serious negotiations.

Suu Kyi plans to help probe allegations of election fraud, according to Nyan Win, who is also a spokesman for her party, which was officially disbanded for refusing to reregister for this year's polls. Such action, which could embarrass the junta, poses the sort of challenge the military has met in the past by



Supporters of Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi join arms as they gather outside her National League for Democracy (NLD) headquarters in Yangon, Myanmar, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. An ally of Suu Kyi said an order for her release has been signed by Myanmar's ruling generals, as hundreds of supporters gathered Friday at her political party headquarters and near her residence in anticipation.

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detaining Suu Kyi.

Awaiting her release in Bangkok in neighboring Thailand is the younger of her two sons, Kim Aris, who is seeking the chance to see his mother for the first time in 10 years. Aris lives in Britain and has been repeatedly denied

visas.

Her late husband, British scholar Michael Aris, raised their sons in England. Their eldest son, Alexander Aris, accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on his mother's behalf in 1991 and reportedly lives in the United States.

Michael Aris died of prostate cancer in 1999 at 53 after having been denied visas to see his wife for the three years before his death. Suu Kyi could have left Myanmar to see her family but decided not to, fearing the junta would not allow her back in. □

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Guinea Interim President Sekouba Konate, center, speaks to Presidential candidates Cellou Dalein Diallo, Alpha Conde and local and foreign dignitaries, unseen, in Conakry, Guinea, Saturday Nov. 6, 2010, on the eve of the long delayed second round of presidential elections scheduled for Sunday Nov. 7, 2010. June's first round of voting was relatively peaceful. The second-round run-off was delayed over legal challenges to the results of that vote, then delayed again after violence between Diallo and Conde supporters.

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RUKMINI CALLIMACHI

Associated Press

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP) — A prosecutor for the International Criminal Court met with military bosses and political parties in Guinea on Friday, urging them to refrain from violence after the

announcement of results of a tense presidential election that is pitting candidates from the nation's two largest ethnic groups.

International observers say the vote last week marks the country's first democratic election, yet the achievement

Court calls for calm in Guinea before vote results

has been overshadowed by fears it could degenerate into violence along ethnic lines once one candidate is declared the winner. The publication of results have been delayed as the election commission attempts to deal with the sensitivity of the ballot, and attempts by both candidates to invalidate precincts where they claim there is evidence of fraud.

Assistant Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda said the court is concerned that there could be a repeat of Kenya's 2007 election, where hundreds were killed. Guinea is considered especially fragile because the country is still reeling from an army-led massacre of protesters last year who had gathered to demand an end to military rule.

Bensouda said she had met with both the candidates Cellou Dalein Diallo and Alpha Conde who she said had assured her that they would not incite their supporters to violence.

She also met and said she was reassured by the head of the armed forces and by the general who agreed to hand over power to civilians following last year's atrocities. Guinea has been

ruled by military strongmen for the past 26 years and many fear that the army — which is dominated by the Malinke, the ethnicity of Conde — could try to take back power in another coup if they do not agree with the outcome of the vote.

Partial results released late Friday indicated a tight race with Diallo leading by a hair. Only some 50,000 votes separate the two candidates after 1.4 million ballots had been counted — around half of the electorate.

"The country is going through a crucial transition," Bensouda said at a press conference. "But as we have seen over the past two weeks, it could generate violence ... I repeat: We do not want a similar scenario (to Kenya) in Guinea ... The end of impunity needs to mark this new page of Guinea's history." Both candidates have accused the other side of fraud, even though international observers have so far said the poll appeared to be transparent overall. Although they noted some irregularities, many say it is unlikely to change the outcome of the ballot.

National Independent Electoral Commission President Siaka Toumani

Sangare said he expects final results to be out before Monday and said that the commission has received around 30 complaints regarding individual precincts. He said the commission is going through them one by one to decide whether the alleged fraud is serious enough to warrant throwing out the vote from that district.

Both parties are attempting to annul the vote in provinces that are favorable to their rival. Peul candidate Diallo — whose supporters are overwhelmingly from his ethnic group — is calling for the key northern provinces of Siguiri and Kousoussa to be canceled.

The region was swept by communal riots targeting the Peul in the days before the vote and the United Nations confirmed that Peul businesses were destroyed and at least 1,800 Peul people fled.

"We cannot accept this kind of behavior," said Diallo. "That on the eve of an election, we hunt down the supporters of our opponent because of their ethnicity. It's dangerous for Guinea if you validate these results. It's dangerous for Africa as well." □

Spain arrests 3 Dutch, seize 20 tons of hashish

MADRID (AP) — Spanish customs say police have arrested three Dutch citizens and seized at least 22 tons of hashish from a boat off the southern coast in one of the country's largest maritime drug busts in a decade.

Customs said the police found the hashish aboard the "Nancy-II" fishing vessel some 120 miles off the southeastern coast after it had picked up the load in Morocco.

The department said Friday this was Spain's biggest drug seizure at sea in a decade and one of the five largest busts ever.

Authorities had monitored the boat since it had docked in northern Spain earlier this month before sailing to Morocco. The three Dutch crew members were to be taken before a judge in the southern port of Cadiz.

In a separate operation, Spanish police concluded a large scale investigation Friday that has led to 3.8 tons of cocaine being seized in two countries and 65 persons detained, authorities said.

The drugs were impounded in Argentina and Brazil thanks to international cooperation by several police forces, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

Of those detained, 20 are being held on suspicion of drug trafficking, 20 on suspicion of money laundering and 10 were detained in Argentina, while 15 were picked up in Spain during the first phase of the investigation in June, the ministry said.

Among items also seized were €5.5 million (\$7.5 million) in cash, 65 luxury vehicles and six sports yachts, the statement said. □

Gaza activists diverted to Greece from Libya

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A ship hired to carry aid from Libya to the Middle East instead reached Greece on Friday, with 17 pro-Palestinian aid workers and officials left stranded on board due to a chartering dispute. Coast guard officials said the Strofades IV arrived at the port of Piraeus, outside Athens, with the 17 in good health — and no aid.

Accounts differ on how the 10 activists and seven officials left the Libyan port of Derna late Wednesday.

According to the London-based Road to Hope group, the vessel broke its moorings and headed for Greece after an argument over the charter arrangement. The group claimed that the activists — seven Britons, two Irish nationals and an Algerian — were

"kidnapped" by the ship's crew.

The ship's Greek operator, Ionian Bridge Shipmanagement SA, said the activists, and the Libyan port officials, insisted on loading aid on the vessel and refused to get off. The company said it had refused to carry the aid, fearing that the activists intended to confront the Israeli navy off Gaza — instead of going to the stated port of destination in Egypt.

Israel has maintained a naval blockade on Gaza since 2007, and several attempts to breach it have failed. In May, Israeli troops killed nine activists who tried to stop them boarding an aid convoy.

The Greek coast guard said it was investigating the affair. □

Prosecutors get new info on UK phone hacking

RAPHAEL G. SATTER

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Police on Friday gave prosecutors new information about a phone hacking scandal that occurred at a British newspaper run by the man who now serves as Prime Minister David Cameron's top media aide.

Andy Coulson, Cameron's communications director, stepped down from his previous position as editor-in-chief of the News of The World in 2007 after it was revealed that a reporter at the tabloid weekly had illegally hacked into the cell phones of members of the royal household to sniff out stories.

Coulson always maintained that — despite his resignation — he was never aware of illegal eavesdropping at the paper.

But Coulson's story has been challenged by a series of recent media reports. An article published in The New York Times earlier this year quoted former News of The World reporter Sean Hoare as

saying that Coulson was aware of the practice.

Another ex-staff member, Paul McMullan, was quoted by The Guardian as saying he had commissioned private investigators to commit hundreds of illegal acts on the newspaper's behalf — and that Coulson knew.

Coulson and the News of The World have denied the charges.

The initial police inquiry also has been criticized.

Scotland Yard found nearly 3,000 cell phone numbers over the course of its inquiry and said that hundreds of high-profile figures were thought to have been targeted — even if fewer had their phones actually broken into.

But critics, including those cited by the Times in September, claim that Scotland Yard scaled back its investigation for fear of alienating the News of the World, England's biggest-selling Sunday paper, and its powerful owner, Rupert Murdoch's News International.



In this April 13, 2010 file picture Andy Coulson, the ruling Conservative Party's Director of Communications, speaks on the phone in London, England. Coulson has been questioned by police investigating allegations of phone-hacking at the best-selling tabloid News of the World newspaper during the time he was editor, it was confirmed Saturday Nov. 6 2010. Downing Street said he attended a meeting with Metropolitan Police officers voluntarily on Thursday and was interviewed as a witness.

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Scotland Yard has disputed that account, although the police force re-interviewed Coulson earlier this month.

It is unclear whether the new

material puts more pressure on Coulson. Prosecutors confirmed they had received the file and said they would decide what to do with it "in due course." □



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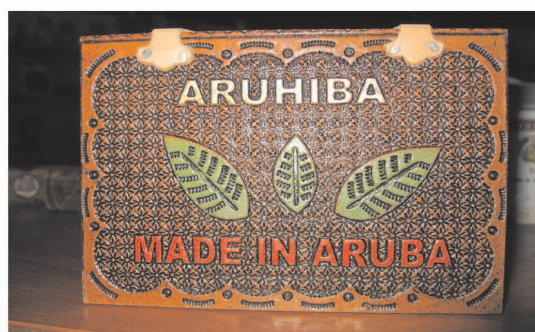
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Lions-Bills — somebody has to win ... maybe

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — What a matchup: The Detroit Lions, who can't win on the road, against the Buffalo Bills, who can't win at all.

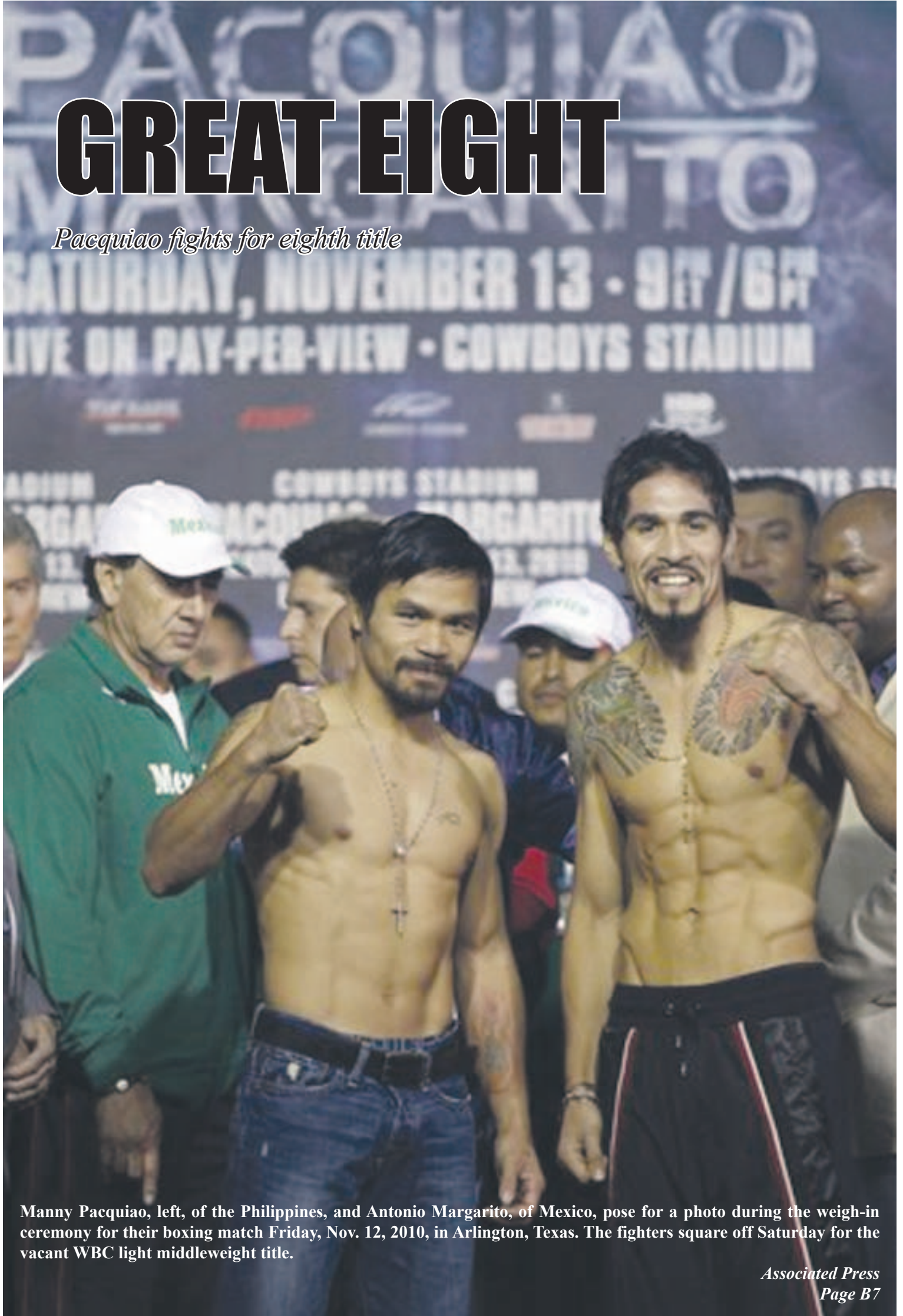
Detroit has the dubious distinction of owning not one but two 24-game road losing streaks. If they fall on Sunday at Buffalo, the Lions will stand (teeter?) first and second in NFL ignominy.

Failing at Buffalo is almost the exclusive territory of the Bills, who are 0-8 this season, halfway to the Lions' NFL mark for misery of 0-16 in 2008. "They remind me of how we were the year we were 0-16," said Lions guard Stephen Peterman. "They're not quitting. You don't look on film and say, 'Hey, these guys are bad.' You look on film and say, 'Man, they were a couple points here, a couple points there from winning some games.'"

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GREAT EIGHT

Pacquiao fights for eighth title



Manny Pacquiao, left, of the Philippines, and Antonio Margarito, of Mexico, pose for a photo during the weigh-in ceremony for their boxing match Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, in Arlington, Texas. The fighters square off Saturday for the vacant WBC light middleweight title.

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U.S.' Paula Creamer watches her tee shot on the 4th hole during the second round of the Lorena Ochoa Invitational LPGA golf tournament in Guadalajara, Mexico, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010.

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GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP) — U.S. Women's Open champion Paula Creamer shot a 6-under 66 on Friday to take a one-stroke lead over Norway's Suzann Pettersen in the Lorena Ochoa Invitational. Creamer birdied two of the final three holes to reach 10 under on the Guadalajara

Creamer leads Lorena Ochoa Invitational

Country Club course.

"I'm pleased with the way I'm hitting the ball, and I'm putting very well," Creamer said.

Creamer finished second last year, two strokes behind Michelle Wie.

"I really like coming here," Creamer said. "I enjoy the golf course. It sets up very well for my game. It's not the longest golf course that we play all year, but you have to hit a lot of fairways and you have to be very precise with your irons and that kind of suits my game. But coming in second last year, I definitely wanted to come back and give myself a good chance to win." Wie withdrew Thursday because of a back injury after an opening 78.

Ochoa followed her first-round 74 with a 71 on her home course, leaving her 26th at 1 over in her first LPGA Tour event since retiring in April.

"I'm not going to say that I don't have chances anymore," Ochoa said. "But I guess right now, it's out of my hands what the other players do. I'm going to try to get here tomorrow, probably going to play early again and shoot a low round." First-round leader Cristie Kerr was tied for 14th at 4 under. After opening with a tournament-record 64, the third-ranked American shot a 76 in the second round. She had two back-nine double bogeys.

Pettersen had a 65, matching Meena Lee for the best round of the day in the 35-player field.

Pettersen played the back nine in 6-under 30, birdieing Nos. 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 18.

"I gave myself some really good chances and made some good putts," Pettersen said. "Finally I'm getting the ball in the hole."

She has 10 top-five finishes this, but is winless.

"I would like to have some top finishes, but at the same time, being there week in, week out, it shows you that your game is really good," Pettersen said. "It's just a matter of time before I can eventually get it all together and wrap it up." Stacy Lewis (69) was third at 8 under. She bogeyed the 18th hole to end her bogey-free streak at 78 holes — the longest run on the tour this year.

"Playing with Cristie today, I kind of saw how this golf course can jump up and bite you a little bit," Lewis said. "So you have to play a little bit conservative, but also when you get opportunities, go make some birdies."

Lewis will play in a group with Creamer and Pettersen on Saturday.

Lee was 7 under along with Ai Miyazato (69), Azahara Munoz (67), Karine Icher (70), In-Kyung Kim (68) and Katherine Hull (69). □

AP source: Schubert out as coach at USA Swimming

PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer

Mark Schubert is out as head coach of the U.S. national swim team, according to a person familiar with the situation and an internal e-mail obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because USA Swimming has not commented publicly on Schubert's status, said Schubert would not be returning from a 60-day leave of absence that still hasn't been explained.

USA Swimming executive director Chuck Wielgus updated the group's board of directors regarding Schubert's status in an e-mail obtained Friday by the AP.

"We have gone through a challenging transition with the leadership of the National Team program in recent months, and Mark Schubert is no longer the National Team Head Coach," Wielgus wrote.

USA Swimming announced Sept. 16 that Schubert, one of the sport's most prominent coaches and a 1997 inductee into the International Swimming Hall

of Fame, would be taking at least a 60-day leave of absence from his post running the powerhouse American team.

The reasons behind the leave have not been disclosed, though there was no indication it was related to a sexual abuse scandal that has rocked the sport in recent months. Speculation has ranged from strained relations with sponsors to Schubert's support for an athlete agreement that would have been more favorable financially to swimmers on the national team.

USA Swimming spokeswoman Jamie Olsen declined Friday to discuss whether Schubert was out as coach, reiterating that the organization cannot comment on personnel matters. The 60-day leave would be up on Monday. Schubert has not commented on the leave. He did not immediately return a message left Friday.

When the leave was announce, Wielgus sent an e-mail to staff and board members saying he and former USA Swimming president Jim Wood would conduct "the ongoing evaluation of Mark's progress and participate in any

decision-making that would take place prior to approving Mark's return, or determining if another course of action is necessary."

Woods took over as interim team leader, and it appears the organization is taking steps to change the powerful position Schubert held.

In the e-mail obtained Friday, Wielgus wrote: "We will soon be announcing plans to hire a full-time National Team Leader, but first we must evaluate and revise the job description for the position." There was no mention of keeping the post of national team coach.

Wood, whose term as president ended at the group's September convention, is not a candidate to take over as team leader on a permanent basis.

Schubert was a six-time Olympic coach, working with such swimmers as Janet Evans and Dara Torres. He took over the newly created role of national coach after the Athens Games and led the team that turned in another stellar showing in Beijing, led by Michael Phelps' record eight gold medals. □



In this June 28, 2008, file photo, U.S. national swim team head coach Mark Schubert answers reporters questions during a news conference before the start of the U.S. Olympic swimming trials in Omaha, Neb. A person familiar with the situation tells The Associated Press that Mark Schubert is out as head coach of the U.S. national swim team, and an e-mail confirms the decision. USA Swimming executive director Chuck Wielgus wrote in an e-mail obtained by the AP that Schubert "is no longer the National Team Head Coach."

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Roland Thatcher takes four-shot lead at Disney

ANTONIO GONZALEZ

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida (AP) — Roland Thatcher eased through the toughest of the two courses in the second round of the Children's Miracle Network Classic on Friday, shooting a 9-under 63 to take a four-shot lead over Chris Stroud and Brian Gay.

It also put him a lot closer to securing a PGA Tour card for next season.

Thatcher began the week 179th on the money list, and needs to finish alone in second place to vault into the top 125 — the cutoff for full status next year. Nos. 126-150 will get conditional status.

"Pun intended, I wouldn't mind being referred to as Cinderella for the week," he said.

Players swap between the Magnolia and Palm courses in the first two rounds. Only the Magnolia Course, about 500 yards longer with more undulating greens, is used on the weekend.

Thatcher got a head start. He hit 15 of 18 greens and had only 23 putts on the Magnolia. About the only hiccup in his round — and it wasn't much of one — came when he missed a 17-foot putt for eagle on the 10th hole.

"There really wasn't many opportunities for me to make much lower than what I did as far as the round

went," Thatcher said. "It was as low as it could go."

Thatcher wasn't the only one on the leaderboard fighting for a tour card.

Stroud was the first-round leader, three shots ahead of Thatcher, but with far less pressure. At 119th on money list, Stroud merely needed to avoid missing the cut to maintain full status. He followed up his good start with a wild second-round 70 complete with seven birdies and five bogeys.

Gay (65) is 59th on the money list.

Three others who began barely inside the top 125 — Joe Durant (120), Woody Austin (123) and Michael Allen (124) — missed the cut. Durant should be safe, but Austin and Allen are in danger of falling out.

Not only can Stroud rest easy, he can challenge for a victory.

"I'm safe now," Stroud said. "To be honest, in my position, I was still quite a bit nervous coming into this week. I told my wife, I said, 'I'm still playing like I'm 135 on the money list.'"

There also was a scintillating subplot surfacing.

The \$1 million Kodak Challenge is all even after Rickie Fowler birdied No. 17 on the Magnolia course to pull into a tie with Troy Merritt and Aaron Baddeley. The contest designates a hole at 30 tournaments and

keeps score throughout the year.

"I think we'll have a lot of fun on the weekend with it," said Fowler, tied for 11th at 8 under after a 70.

For everyone else, they're merely trying to catch a player who has everything at stake.

One of the longest of long shots at the season finale, Thatcher already signed up for the second stage of qualifying school near Houston next week. All Disney was supposed to provide was some momentum.

Now it might be a tour card. Thatcher, whose only top-10 finish this year came in New Orleans, has never had a 36-hole lead on tour and his best ever was a 61 at Mayakoba in 2008. But he still has a ways to go to complete the dream weekend.

Even if he tied for second, he'd be about \$40,000 short of earning full status.

"I don't think it was unreasonable for me to walk into the week and say I just want to catch something better for next week," Thatcher said. "I think that was a realistic goal, getting four rounds in and getting some things working in the right direction to where when I tee it up next week at second stage, I was going to be as prepared as I was going to be."

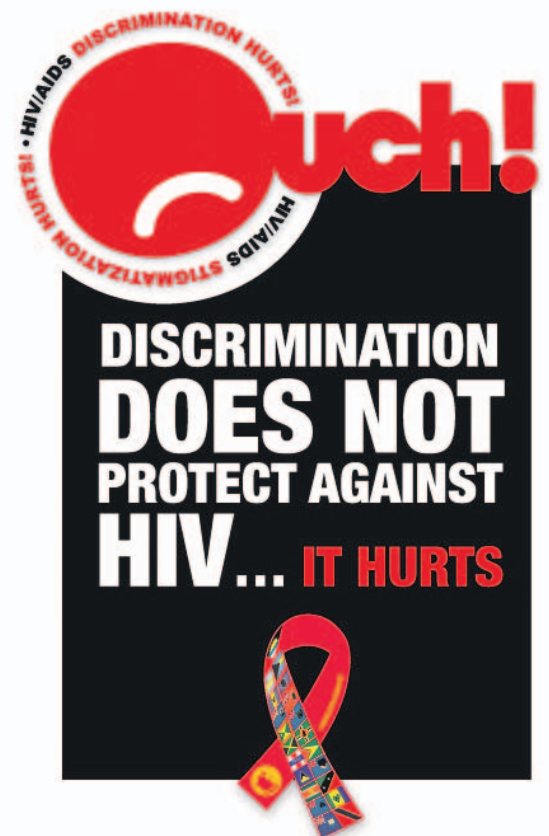
"My goals have changed



Roland Thatcher watches his tee shot on the 18th hole of the Magnolia Course during the second round of the Children's Miracle Network Classic golf tournament in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Friday, Nov. 12, 2010.

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quite a bit," he continued. long off season and start the "I'm hoping to have a nice year early next year."□





Buffalo Bills quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick (14) is hit by Chicago Bears' Julius Peppers (90) during the first half of an NFL football game at the Rogers Centre in Toronto, Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010.

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But unlike the Lions, who have won twice and fell in overtime after leading the New York Jets for most of the way last weekend, the Bills have zilch to show for their efforts, which have been pretty decent lately.

Buffalo lost in overtime to Baltimore and Kansas City and by three points to Chicago in Toronto last Sunday.

"I'm sure with us not winning on the road in a while, they're probably looking at this as, 'Hey, this is where we can get our first

win of the year,'" Peterman said. "So it's going to a big task for us."

Winning has been too tough a task for Buffalo, obviously.

"The main thing is not just playing well, not just taking moral victories out of the ballgame. It's coming away with a W," safety Donte Whitner said. "And you ask any team around the National Football League, and you look at the things that we're doing on tape, but falling short, I don't know if there's any teams out there that really want to come and play us because we're getting better."

The Lions get Shaun Hill back at quarterback from a broken left arm — just in time, too, because starter Matthew Stafford damaged his right shoulder again in the loss to the Jets and is out.

The New England Patriots visit the Pittsburgh Steelers in a matchup between the most dominant teams of the last decade.

New England owns three Super Bowls, Pittsburgh has two, and each is a solid

contender this year.

Not that the Patriots looked like one a week ago in being belted by the Cleveland Browns.

And the Steelers struggled late against the Cincinnati Bengals before nailing down the victory.

"I think we took quite a beating from our coach here the last couple days," quarterback Tom Brady said of the way Patriots coach Bill Belichick handled the loss. "(It was) well deserved and we need to start playing better."

When the Browns host the Jets, they get a chance to grab another pelt from a top team — and a second straight team their coach, Eric Mangini, worked for. After victories over the New Orleans Saints and Patriots, Cleveland could stamp itself as an oncoming threat by beating New York. The Jets struggled to beat Denver and Detroit and were shut out by Green Bay in recent games. They'll need to run effectively and deal well with Cleveland's emerging runner, Peyton Hillis.

Also on Sunday, it's Tennessee at Miami, Cincinnati at Indianapolis, Houston at Jacksonville, Philadelphia at Washington, Dallas at the New York Giants, St. Louis at San Francisco, Seattle at Arizona, Kansas City at Denver, Minnesota at Chicago, and Carolina at Tampa Bay.

Monday's game has Philadelphia at Washington. On Thursday, Roddy White hauled in a 33-yard touchdown pass from Matt Ryan with 20 seconds remaining and the Falcons, after squandering a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter, rallied to beat the Ravens 26-21.

With commissioner Roger Goodell looking on, Baltimore came back behind Joe Flacco's two fourth-quarter touchdown passes, the second of them a 9-yarder to Todd Heap with 1:05 left. Still, Atlanta improved to 18-1 at home with Ryan as the starter. Off this week, the final weekend for byes, are Green Bay, New Orleans, Oakland and San Diego. □



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NFL Roundup

White's TD with 20 seconds left lifts Falcons

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Having squandered a 13-point lead, Matty Ice and his favorite receiver looked at each other on the sideline and knew what they had to do.

Take it to the end zone.

Roddy White hauled in a 33-yard touchdown pass from Matt Ryan with 20 seconds remaining and the Atlanta Falcons bounced back after blowing a fourth-quarter lead, rallying past the Baltimore Ravens 26-21 Thursday in a prime-time matchup between two of the NFL's top teams.

If this was a Super Bowl preview, it's going to be quite a game in Big D.

"That might have been the most intense game I've ever been involved with at any level of football," said Falcons coach Mike Smith, a former Ravens assistant. Baltimore appeared on its way to a victory when Joe Flacco threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Todd Heap with 1:05 left. "You think it's your game," Flacco said. "You think it's over."

Not so fast.

Not with 65 seconds left for Ryan and White to work their magic. "After they scored, we were on the sideline. We just looked at each other and smiled, man," White said. "We just relish moments like this. We knew we were going to go down there and get what we needed to win this game." Ryan needed less than a minute to pull off an 80-yard drive, hooking up with Michael Jenkins on a huge third-down pass along the sideline before going back to his favorite receiver for the winner.

Ryan rolled to his left to get away from the pressure, and White shoved off Josh Wilson with his right hand to get free, sending the cornerback tumbling to the turf. Ryan delivered the ball perfectly, White caught it with no one around and cruised into the end zone. Wilson hopped up, screaming for a penalty. But the official kept the yellow flag in his back pocket and held up

both arms. Touchdown.

White knew he got away with one.

"Yeah, you've got to do whatever you've got to do to win," he said. "It was one-on-one coverage with one guy. But he was kind of flat-footed, and he tried to grab me, so I just pushed him down."

White was listed as questionable for the game after hurting his right knee in last Sunday's win over Tampa Bay and practicing only once during the short week. But he had a big smile when he danced out of the tunnel during the pregame introductions and clearly wasn't bothered.

He finished with 12 catches for 138 yards, giving him a staggering 70 catches for the season. Ryan threw a career-high 50 passes, completing 32 of them for 316 yards and three touchdowns.

"We've been in these situations before," said Ryan, who improved to 18-1 when starting at home. "We were confident. Nobody blinked. We just went out there and executed. We only needed three, but we got six."

Flacco, coming back from a sluggish start, was 22 of 34 for 215 yards and three touchdowns of his own.

It wasn't enough.

"We were pretty confident we had them," cornerback Chris Carr said. "We did an excellent job. We just came up short."

With commissioner Roger Goodell looking on, just adding to the big-game feel, the Falcons (7-2) appeared to be in control after Ryan went to White for a 4-yard touchdown with 11:34 remaining to make it 20-7. Curiously, Smith didn't attempt a 2-point conversion, which nearly came back to bite him.

After barely touching the ball in the first half, Baltimore (6-3) suddenly came alive. Flacco capped back-to-back drives in the fourth quarter with touchdown passes.

"It was a playoff atmosphere against a playoff-caliber team," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "Obviously, it's difficult when you play a



Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Roddy White (84) runs into the end zone with a fourth-quarter touchdown of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, in Atlanta. The Falcons won 26-21.

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team like that in their place. Being in this environment will help us later in the season."

The Falcons dominated the first half, holding the ball for more than 21 minutes and going to the locker room with a 10-0 lead. The Ravens were fortunate it wasn't worse.

Late in the first quarter, Ryan started a drive that would stretch into the second period and wind up covering 91 yards on 14 plays. He finished it with a short pass to a wide-open Jason Snelling out of the backfield. He worked up a head of steam, broke free from an attempted tackle by Dawan Landry and tumbled into the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown.

Atlanta got close again just before halftime, but wound up settling for Matt Bryant's 28-yard field goal.

Ryan completed 20 of 28 for 160 yards in the opening half, playing keep-away with the Ravens offense. Flacco had just 31 yards passing at the break, and the third quarter didn't start out very well, either. □

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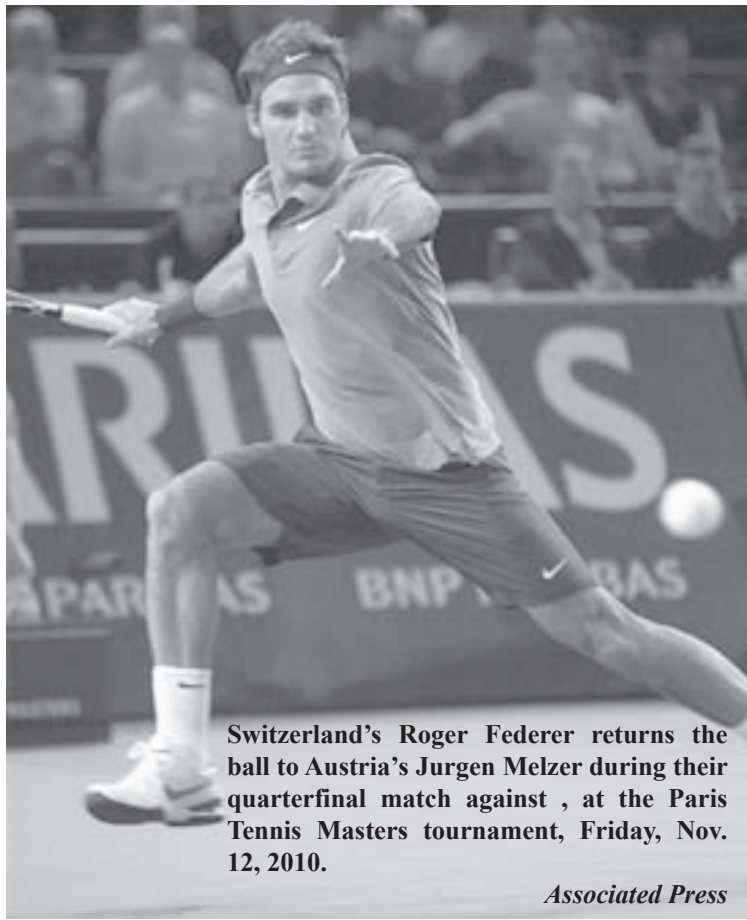
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Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to Austria's Jurgen Melzer during their quarterfinal match against , at the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010.

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Federer reaches semifinals at Paris Masters, Roddick ousted

SAMUEL PETREQUIN
AP Sports Writer
PARIS (AP) — Top-seeded Roger Federer reached the semifinals of the Paris Masters for the first time by defeating Jurgen Melzer of Austria 6-1, 7-6 (4) on Friday.

Federer, who earlier this week called the Parisian indoor tournament his “worst” Masters, had previously lost three times in the quarterfinals. “I wouldn’t say it’s a relief, because a relief is something else, but I’m pleased to be in the semis,” Federer said. “I knew it was going to be difficult because in the beginning I only had one hour of practice here. But now I feel good and I’m not too tired.”

Following victories in Stockholm and Basel, the Swiss star won a 12th consecutive match and delighted the crowd by sending winners all over the court during a 20-minute first set he opened with an ace.

Federer, who fired 18 aces and had 33 winners overall, will next face last year’s runner-up and local favorite Gael Monfils, who beat third-seeded Andy Murray 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Murray ran out of gas and struggled on his first serve in the decider, allowing Monfils to make the decisive break in the fifth game after the 23-year-old Scot made two consecutive unforced errors.

“I’m going to chill out for a few days, get a good night of sleep and then try to get my body right for London”, Murray said, referring to the ATP World Tour Finals in the British capital from Nov. 21-28.

Murray was clearly feeling the effect of having played Marin Cilic in a tough three-

setter on Thursday night.

“When you get to bed at 3 a.m. the night before the match, this is not the ideal preparation,” Murray said. Melzer showed a better face in the second set against Federer but wasted a mini break early in the tiebreaker and missed an easy forehand volley to give Federer a 5-4 lead. The 16-time Grand Slam winner set up match point with an ace and converted it with a service winner.

“I thought I played a wonderful first set, being aggressive on returns, serving really good. So it was the perfect set,” Federer said. “Got a bit of a fright early on in the breaker, but he’s not famous for being the best server in the game so I knew I would always get a sniff.”

Fourth-seeded Robin Soderling also reached the semifinals, using 18 aces to defeat Andy Roddick 7-5, 6-4.

Soderling will play Michael Llodra after the Frenchman made light work of 10th-seeded Nikolay Davydenko of Russia, winning 7-5, 6-1. Soderling got off to a strong start on the fast Bercy center court, losing just one point on his first serve in the first 10 games.

“Against Andy, it’s always just a matter of taking the chances you get,” the Swede said. “And then today I think I did really well. I served pretty well. I could have put some more first serves in but my second serve was good and overall it was a good match.”

Roddick struggled to return the Soderling’s big serve and failed to convert the only two break chances he had.

“Maybe I should move over,” two-time French Open runner-up Soderling

said when asked if he should buy a flat in Paris. “It’s a nice city and I have the best memories of my career here, both in Roland Garros and here in indoor.”

Roddick said he might have lost his focus after qualifying for the ATP Finals on Thursday. Soderling will also feature in the year-ending tournament.

“The last two weeks you’re kind on pins and needles trying to qualify for this thing, and it might have been a little bit of mental letdown today, which is completely on me,” Roddick said. “That’s my fault. I should be professional enough not to have that.”

Llodra, the only unseeded player remaining, had never advanced beyond the second round at Bercy before. But after upsetting defending champion Novak Djokovic in the previous round, he continued to make the most of the fast surface, which has been made quicker this year and perfectly suits his serve and volley style.

Llodra and Davydenko traded breaks in the first set before the Frenchman won seven consecutive games for a 7-5, 5-0 lead.

Cheered by his son and French Davis Cup captain Guy Forget in the stands, Llodra produced 30 winners and sealed the victory with a service winner on his second match point.

“It will be tough against Soderling,” he said. “He is a great indoor specialist and he is full of confidence.” □



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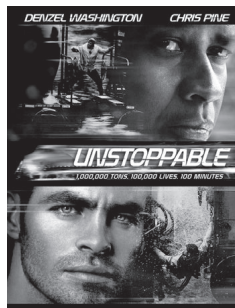
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Pacquiao fights Margarito for eighth title

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

— Freddie Roach has a game plan to make life in the ring easier for Manny Pacquiao. If he had his way, it would be in place Saturday night when Pacquiao moves up in weight once again to take on Antonio Margarito.

The problem is he'll never get Pacquiao to follow it.

"He could box more and be a little smarter," said Roach, who trains boxing's biggest star. "But he likes to exchange punches and that's what sells tickets. That's what makes him exciting, and that's what makes him who he is."

Pacquiao doesn't figure to change his style against Margarito, even though other things have changed since he last stepped into the ring at Cowboys Stadium in March. An explosive puncher at any weight, he will fight in his usual frenzied fury as he tries to win an eighth title against a bigger but slower opponent. Once again, he will carry the weight of an entire country on his shoulders in the scheduled 12-round bout. But this time he will do so both as the biggest sports hero the Philippines has ever seen and as the congressman representing Sarangani Province in his native land.

The unique fighter-politician combination got him a crossover spot on "60 Minutes," an appearance on National Public Radio, and



Manny Pacquiao, left of the Philippines, and Antonio Margarito, of Mexico, pose with the championship belt during the weigh-in ceremony for their upcoming boxing match Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, in Arlington, Texas. The fighters meet Saturday for the vacant WBC light middleweight title.

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a lot of exposure in places fighters never get mentioned. It's also caused a lot of consternation among his fans, who worry that the duties of a congressman may have gotten in the way of Pacquiao's training for the fight.

Not to worry, Pacquiao says. When it comes time to fight, he will fight.

"The focus is always there," Pacquiao said. "I'm always hungry for a fight. There is no distraction."

Pacquiao, who began fighting at 107 pounds, plans to enter the ring at his heaviest ever to take on the rugged Margarito, who is attempting to rebound from a hand-wrapping scandal

that almost cost him his career. But Pacquiao will still be the much smaller fighter, giving up both weight and height in a fight that is for a 154-pound title even though the contract weight is 150 pounds.

That doesn't concern Roach, who believes Margarito's style is perfect for his fighter. "Margarito's defense is terrible, and he can't throw a straight punch," Roach said. "Manny will be down the middle all night. We've got a great, great game plan for him."

Pacquiao (51-3-2, 38 knockouts) is guaranteed \$15 million, his biggest payday ever, and could make up

to \$25 million if the fight sells as well on television as promoters expect. A crowd of more than 50,000 is expected at Cowboys Stadium, where Pacquiao already has as many wins as the Dallas Cowboys this year.

While Pacquiao is the star, Margarito has done his share to sell the fight. If his notoriety as a disgraced fighter who remains banned from boxing in California and Nevada for trying to fight Shane Mosley with hard inserts under his hand wraps wasn't enough, he fueled the flames this week in a video mocking Roach, who suffers from Parkinson's disease.

Margarito (38-6-1, 27 knockouts) apologized for the video but he has made no apologies for the hand wraps, saying the inserts were put there by his former trainer and he had no idea they were there. Margarito went on to lose the fight to Mosley and has only a lackluster win over Roberto Garcia since then, but is a big enough name that he got the fight with Pacquiao anyway.

Now that he has it, Margarito intends to make the most of the opportunity of a lifetime. He is guaranteed \$3 million, but could make \$6 million if television sales are good.

"I couldn't tell you anyone that comes close to his style or the way he fights," Margarito. "I never fought anyone like that or anyone that comes close. I see his speed. I know he is a fast guy but he is a smaller guy also. I see some things there, but I would never consider it an easy fight or think I have big advantages over him because I don't."

Both fighters are known for aggressive styles and strong chins, making it likely that the fight could provide fans with the kind of action they want. Pacquiao is a heavy favorite, though, and most in boxing believe he will be able to get inside on Margarito and use his speed and sheer volume of punches to score a win.

"There's no problem about size," said Pacquiao, who is 4½ inches shorter than Margarito. □

NHL Roundup

Semin late flourish leads Capitals over Lightning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alexander Semin scored three third-period goals and added two assists to power the Washington Capitals to their sixth straight NHL win, beating the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-3 on Thursday. With the score tied 2-2, Semin converted on a power play with 15:27 left, knuckling a shot from between the circles. With 9:14 remaining, Semin one-timed a pass for his team-high 11th goal and a two-goal lead, and then added an empty-net goal with 16 seconds remaining.

Alex Ovechkin had a goal and two assists, while Tom Poti and Mike Knuble also scored for Washington.

Steven Stamkos, the NHL's scoring leader, had a goal and an assist for the Lightning. Teddy Purcell and Ryan Malone also netted for Tampa Bay.

Flyers 8, Hurricanes 1

In Raleigh, North Carolina, Jeff Carter had his second career hat trick, leading Philadelphia to a rout of Carolina.

Danny Briere scored two goals, Scott Hartnell had a goal and an assist, and Nikolay Zherdev and Mike Richards also scored for the Atlantic Division-leading Flyers.

They led 3-0 less than 2 minutes into the second period and cruised to their



Washington Capitals left wing Alexander Semin (28), of Russia, looks for the puck against Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Teddy Purcell (16) during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, in Washington.

seventh win in eight games and their eighth straight over the Hurricanes.

Chad LaRose scored for Carolina.

Canadiens 3, Bruins 1

In Boston, rookie defenseman P.K. Subban scored his first NHL regular-season goal to help Montreal defeat Boston.

Montreal's Carey Price stopped 34 shots, but at the other end Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask continued his unlucky season, losing for the fifth time in five appearances despite making 38 saves.

Brian Gionta also scored for Montreal, and Scott

Gomez made it 3-1 midway through the third period. The Canadiens have won four in a row in Boston.

Kings 3, Stars 1

In Los Angeles, the hosts matched the best home start in franchise history by beating Dallas.

Justin Williams scored the tiebreaking power-play goal with 13:09 to play, Jonathan Quick made 27 saves, while captain Dustin Brown and Jack Johnson also scored for the Western Conference-leading Kings, who improved to 7-0-0 at Staples Center.

With five straight wins overall,

Los Angeles has 22 points in 14 games, matching the best start in club set in the 1974-75 season.

Jamie Benn scored for Dallas. In Ottawa, Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault reached 300 career victories as his Canucks downed Ottawa.

Vancouver's top line produced Daniel Sedin's 10th goal 33 seconds into the game. The trio combined efforts once again, 22 seconds into the third on Alex Burrows' first goal of the season.

Ryan Kesler scored his second goal of the game 49 seconds later to put the Canucks

up 4-1. Tanner Glass and Mario Bliznak also scored in Vancouver's four-goal third. Peter Regin and Sergei Gonchar scored for Ottawa.

In St. Louis, Marcel Goc scored in the fourth round of a shootout to lift Nashville past St. Louis and snap a five-game losing streak.

Cal O'Reilly also scored in the shootout for the Predators, while O'Reilly and J.P. Dumont connected in regulation.

The Blues, who got regulation goals from Matt D'Agostini and David Backes, had been on a 12-game home winning streak.

In Atlanta, Ondrej Pavelec won for the first time since collapsing early in the season opener, making 32 saves in Atlanta's victory over Minnesota.

Pavelec collapsed in the Thrashers' opener and sustained a concussion when the back of his head hit the ice.

In other NHL games it was Nashville 3, St. Louis 2, SO; San Jose 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, SO; Montreal 3, Boston 1; N.Y. Rangers 3, Buffalo 2, OT; Washington 6, Tampa Bay 3; Philadelphia 8, Carolina 1; Atlanta 5, Minnesota 1; Detroit 6, Edmonton 2; Vancouver 6, Ottawa 2; and Los Angeles 3, Dallas 1. □



Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony brings the ball up the floor in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers in Denver on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. The Nuggets won 118-112.

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NBA Roundup

Celtics too good for Heat again

MIAMI (AP) — The Boston Celtics led throughout in a 112-107 win over Miami on Thursday, beating the Heat for the second time this NBA season and handing them a second straight home loss.

Ray Allen hit his first seven 3-point tries and finished with 35 points, while Paul Pierce added 25 for Boston, which has won 13 of the last 14 regular-season meetings in addition to eliminating Miami in the opening round of last season's playoffs.

Boston led by as much as 20 points. The Heat got within three points with 13 seconds left, but Allen hit two free throws to seal it.

Miami's LeBron James finished with 35 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, narrowly missing his second straight triple-double.

Nuggets 118, Lakers 112

In Denver, Los Angeles lost its first game of the season, defeated by Denver.

Carmelo Anthony had 32 points and 13 rebounds while Nene added 18 points for the Nuggets.

Kobe Bryant scored a season-high 34 points and Pau Gasol had 17 points and 20 rebounds for the Lakers, who fell short of winning their first nine games for the first time since 1997-98. The Lakers led by 10 early in the fourth when the Nuggets rallied. Down 105-103, the Nuggets took over. A 3-pointer by J.R. Smith and two baskets by Anthony sparked an 11-0 run that gave Denver the lead for good.

Bulls 120, Warriors 90

In Chicago, the hosts dashed to a 30-point lead in the first half and cruised through the second for a big win over Golden State. □

Facebook may be poised to launch email service

WASHINGTON — Facebook, rumored for some time to be planning its own email service, may finally be on the verge of doing so in a move that would send a shot across the bow of Google, Yahoo! and Microsoft.

TechCrunch, a leading Silicon Valley technology blog, reported Friday that the social network plans to announce a Web-based email service complete with @facebook.com addresses at an event in San Francisco on Monday.

Agence France-Presse and other media outlets have been invited to Facebook's event but have not been told what it will be about.

Facebook boasts more than 500 million members around the world and offering a personal email service would lay down a powerful challenge to the established email giants Microsoft's Hotmail, Yahoo!

Mail and Google's Gmail.

Hotmail currently has the most users, 361.7 million as of September, according to online tracking firm comScore, followed by Yahoo! with 273.1 million and Gmail with 193.3 million.

TechCrunch said Facebook's planned Web-based email service is part of a secret project known as "Project Titan" that is "unofficially referred to internally as its 'Gmail killer.'"

"And while it may only be in early stages come its launch Monday, there's a huge amount of potential here," TechCrunch's Jason Kincaid noted.

The report comes amid a recent bout of sparring between Facebook and Google over data sharing and Silicon Valley engineering talent.

Google last week blocked Facebook from importing

Gmail contact information over the Palo Alto, California-based social network's refusal to reciprocate and share data about its users.

And The Wall Street Journal reported that Internet search king Google, in a bid to stem defections to rival technology firms such as Facebook, has given all of its 23,000 employees a 10 percent pay hike.

According to the Journal, roughly 10 percent of Facebook's employees are Google veterans.

TechCrunch's Kincaid and others noted the advantages Facebook could bring to an email battle.

"Facebook has the world's most popular photos product, the most popular events product, and soon will have a very popular local deals product as well," Kincaid said. "It can tweak the design of



its webmail client to display content from each of these in a seamless fashion.

"And there's also the social element: Facebook knows who your friends are and how closely you're connected to them; it can probably do a pretty good job figuring out which personal emails you want to read most and prioritize them accordingly," he said.

Gadget blog Gizmodo said the prospect of an email service from Facebook should make Google, Yahoo! and Microsoft "very nervous."

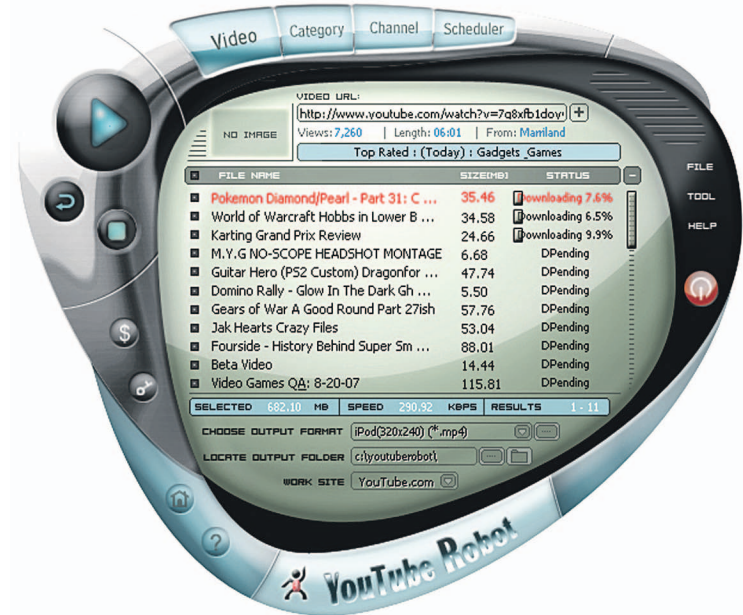
"Facebook Mail could be a killer not only because of its potential instant size,

but because of its natural advantage at making mail more useful," Gizmodo blogger Jesus Diaz said.

"Actually, it may become the only 100 percent useful mail service out there, only showing you the email you are actually interested in," Diaz said.

"Since Facebook knows how you interact with all your contacts, they would be able to perfectly separate what is important from what is not."

"Of course, not every Facebook user will jump on its mail bandwagon," Diaz added. "But chances are that a huge percentage of the user base will."



NEW YORK — It isn't just Justin Bieber videos or stunning plays in a middle-school football game that are getting attention on YouTube these days. Add to the list a former hotel maid explaining how she signs thousands of mortgage documents a year without a clue to what she's putting her name on.

"I don't usually read the docs when I sign," says Dhurata Doko, an employee of Nationwide Title Clearing, a mortgage services company. "So it is not part of your job to review the document?"

Your job is just to sign it?" asks Florida foreclosure defense attorney Christopher Forrest during a videotaped deposition of Doko earlier this month.

"I just look for my name and then sign," she says.

Robo-signing mortgage document handlers have found their way to YouTube, giving a rare live view into the latest mess to rock the troubled housing industry.

The nation's foreclosure crisis took a turn six weeks ago when it became clear that banks and processing

Tales of robo-signers hit YouTube

firms had employees sign court documents that had information that was unverified or even false. The reason or at least the reason lenders give for the sloppy work is that they are drowning in foreclosures.

Banks have seized more than 909,000 homes through the first 10 months of the year and are on pace to take back more than 1 million homes this year. Now, foreclosures are being challenged in court because of the allegations of fraudulent documents.

Lenders say that this mess has been overblown. Some paperwork might be flawed, the banks acknowledge, but delinquent borrowers still deserve to lose their homes. The depositions say otherwise. Doko worked as a maid and assembled electronics before joining Nationwide Title Clearing six years ago. She is one of three NTC employees whose video depositions were posted on YouTube by Forrest as part of a foreclosure case he is handling in Florida.

She and her colleagues tell of

signing thousands of mortgage documents a day. One worker estimates signing 5,000 documents a day on average, another says she signs her name every 2 seconds. They acknowledge their signatures differ on certain documents.

The videos show that employees didn't even know the most basic mortgage terminology. For instance, they don't know what an "assignment of mortgage" is, even though that is crucial in a foreclosure case because it establishes who the final holder of the loan is.

Doko says she only signs documents as a witness. She says she never signs under the title of vice president. Forrest then shows her a document with her name on it. "Beneath your name it says vice president?" Forrest asks.

"I don't pay attention to that," responds Doko, looking uncomfortable as she answers. "But you do agree with me, beneath your name it says vice president ... and above your name it says Financial Freedom Senior Funding

Corp. So when you sign this document, do you know whether you are signing as vice president of this company or as a witness?" asks Forrest. "I just sign my name," Doko says.

Courts, state financial regulators and attorneys general nationwide are investigating whether lenders violated the law by submitting fraudulent documents, often prepared by robo-signers.

The fact that delinquent borrowers face foreclosure is not the issue, but whether the documents used to get them out of their homes are signed by compromised witnesses, says Kendall Coffey, a former U.S. attorney in Miami and author of the book "Foreclosures in Florida."

"You still need truthful witnesses. Robo-signers aren't. They are impostors," Coffey says.

NTC said in a statement to The Associated Press that its employees had been deposed but criticized the placement of the depositions on the Internet. □

Polish classical composer Gorecki dies at 76



WARSAW, Poland – Polish composer Henryk Mikolaj Gorecki, famous for his “Symphony of Sorrowful Songs,” including one about a woman who was held prisoner by the Gestapo, died Friday

following a serious illness. He was 76.

Gorecki died in the cardiology ward of a hospital in his home city of Katowice in southern Poland, Joanna Wnuk-Nazarowa, the director

of Polish Radio orchestra in Katowice, told The Associated Press.

The composer was suffering from a number of ailments, chiefly a lung infection, she said.

Wnuk-Nazarowa said she and another Polish composer, Krzysztof Penderecki, had visited Gorecki in the hospital on Wednesday.

“Penderecki insisted on seeing him,” Wnuk-Nazarowa said. “We tried to joke, make plans for the future. Penderecki promised he would direct (Gorecki’s) ‘Beatus vir’ for the 80th birthday” that both would celebrate in 2013.

The work was commissioned by Archbishop Karol Wojtyla before he became Pope John Paul II to mark 900 years since the death of Roman Catholic martyr, Stanislaw, bishop of Krakow whom Pope John Paul II later made a saint. The composition, completed in 1979, is a psalm for baritone, choir and orchestra.

Gorecki was best known internationally for his Symphony No. 3, Opus 36, for a soprano and orchestra the “Symphony of Sorrowful Songs” which was published in the United States in 1992.

It later became a best-selling recording, reaching the top of the classical music charts in both the U.S. and the U.K. It also reached number six on the mainstream UK album chart.

Although his early works were more avant-garde, Gorecki was later influenced by traditional Polish music and themes of his nation’s history, as reflected in works such as the “Symphony of Sorrowful Songs.”

Its three movements contain soprano parts about Mary, the mother of Jesus; a female Polish prisoner held by the Gestapo during the Second World War, and a Polish folk song about a mother searching for her dead son. The second song is based on a prayer that was found inscribed by the prisoner on the wall of her cell in a German Nazi police prison in occupied southern Poland. In awarding him an honorary fellowship in 2008, Cardiff University praised Gorecki for “his independence of thought and independence of spirit. His work is grounded in a profound humanity and is rooted in the folk and religious culture of his native Poland.” Gorecki was born Dec. 6,

1933, in Czernica, near Rybnik in the coal mining Silesia region in southern Poland.

In 1960 he graduated from the State Higher School of Music in Katowice, where he studied composition. Eight years later he joined the faculty and was its head from 1975 to 79.

His music uses simple harmony, minimal means and repetition in a style often called the “New Simplicity.”

Conductor Antoni Wit said that Gorecki did not compose much in recent years, even though he knew his works would be welcome.

“He refrained from writing at times when he believed he did not have anything important to write,” Wit told the PAP agency. “He did not care about so-called career.”

Last month, in his hospital bed, he received Poland’s highest distinction, the Order of the White Eagle, bestowed by President Bronislaw Komorowski.

The composer is survived by his wife, piano teacher Jadwiga; his daughter, pianist Anna Gorecka-Stanczyk; and his son, composer Mikolaj Gorecki.

Plans for the funeral were not immediately announced. □

No Bombs, Only Bombshells, Plus a \$2 Million Bra, at the Victoria’s Secret Show

New York – It’s the highly coveted invitation that few people receive, but everyone wants: the taping of the annual Victoria’s Secret fashion show. Held in the Lexington Armory in New York on Wednesday night, Nov. 10, it was bombs and bombshells in the building, and a whole lot of voyeurs in between.

Well, maybe not literally bombs - there were dogs sniffing purses for explosives to prevent that - but military memorabilia in glass cases lined the hallway as guests entered the custom built space that rivaled a Paris couture show in scale.

Plush, red padded stadium-style seating looked down on a very glittery gold runway, with seats towering some 30 feet up. Though the main attraction was 30 of the most beautiful women in the world clad in Victoria’s Secret underwear and the show’s signature angel wings, if you forgot your opera glasses that night or weren’t sitting in the VIP sections, you were more likely to get an up-close-and-personal look at the back of the heads of business men in suits, who, not surprisingly, made up a good majority of the audience. But if the custom bra and panty sets were hard to see, there were other more visible accoutrement on

display, such as the aforementioned wings, as well as sporty-themed costumes and cowgirl-inspired get-ups. It was Halloween and “sexy” costumes-in-a-bag all over again on the runway. And glitter, lots and lots of it. A hundred pounds, to be exact, along with 30 bottles of Victoria’s Secret “Shimmer Mist” and 40 cans of hairspray. No one said being beautiful was easy, or natural. Despite the pounds of glitter, makeup artist Tom Pechaux said the look was inspired by the California girl, one of the most natural female archetypes around. “This season we are playing with bronzer,” he said as he applied makeup to Alessandra Ambrosio some eight hours before showtime. “It’s more healthy, it’s more dewy, more glow-y.” Adding to the spectacle, and cementing the “California Girls” theme, were live performances by Katy Perry and Akon. They played to a far more subdued audience than the usual screaming arena crowds they’re likely used to, which might explain the canned applause that followed their respective performances. However, Vin Diesel put in a good show of support as he cheered them on, fist-pumping and clapping wildly from his front row seat. □





Toyota chief showcases Tesla friendship

TOKYO – The usually grim-faced Toyota President Akio Toyoda was all smiles Friday, trumpeting a newfound friendship with U.S. luxury electric carmaker Tesla.

Toyoda received as a gift from Tesla Motors Chief Executive Elon Musk a red roadster, that would sell for 19 million yen (\$232,000) 4 million yen (\$49,000) more than usual because of a special paint job. Toyoda's appearance struck a contrast to others in the past year that were dominated by apologies about Toyota's massive global recalls of some of its most popular cars. Shaking hands with Musk, Toyoda told reporters the Japanese automaker had much to learn from Tesla.

"The speedy decision-making that's part of its makeup is what we really want to absorb," he said at a Tokyo Lexus showroom. "Toyota began as a venture. I think this will give us an opportunity to bring back that spirit."

Over the past year, Toyota Motor Corp. the world's biggest automaker has recalled more than 11 million vehicles globally for faulty gas pedals, floor mats that can trap accelerators, defective braking and stalling engines.

It was also widely criticized as being too slow to respond to customer complaints, sometimes appearing reluctant to admit to its mistakes.

Its once-sterling image has been tarnished, especially in the U.S., where the bulk of the recalls came, and where it faces hundreds of lawsuits, some involving accidents suspected of being linked to quality lapses. Its U.S. sales lag despite generous incentives.

Toyoda, grandson of Toyota's founder, has endured harsh public criticism, including appearing before a congressional committee. He even wept in a meeting with American dealers.

While returning to profit in

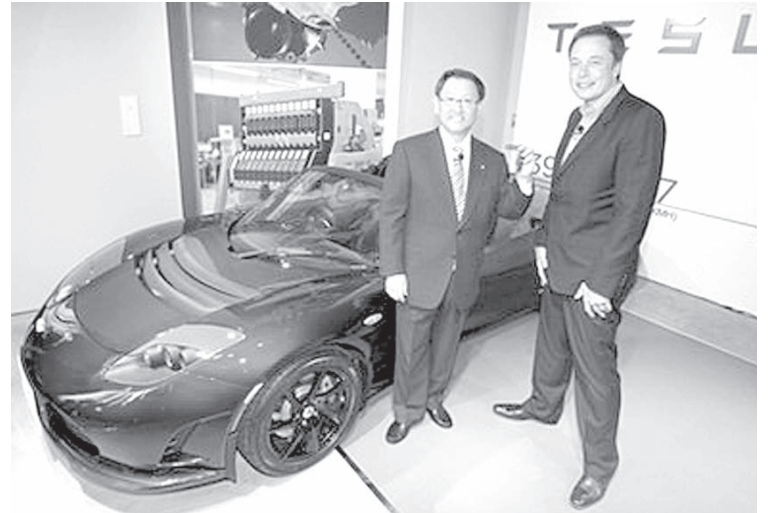
recent quarters, Toyota's performance is a shadow of its heyday.

Three years ago, sales were at a record 26 trillion yen (\$317 billion). Now, it's expecting 19 trillion yen (\$232 billion) in sales for this fiscal year ending March 2011. It had been on track to sell 10 million vehicles a year but is now expecting to sell about 7 million.

Some analysts say Toyota is taking the wrong approach in banking on an image perk with a niche player like Tesla, and suggest it should address the basic problem of quality control.

"The big problem is that Toyota has not stated an exit strategy on the recall fiasco," said Tatsumi Tanaka, a crisis management expert who heads Tokyo-based Risk Hedge. "This way, it will continue to have recall after recall, and the worries will never end."

Toyota should clearly outline how it is handling the recall



crisis, how long the measures would take, and how exactly it hopes to fix the root cause of recurring quality problems.

Recalls should be a welcome sign an automaker is getting to the bottom of a problem, not as a sign of continuing problems, Tanaka said.

Tsuyoshi Mochimaru, analyst with Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Co., said electric vehicles comprise such a small portion of the market that the Tesla partnership can't be viewed as any plus. "There is always

that potential it will grow, but so far nobody knows what it means," said Mochimaru.

Tesla, based in Palo Alto, California, employs about 800 people and recently opened its first Asian showroom in Tokyo. Tesla is retooling a California plant that had been jointly run by Toyota and General Motors Co.

Toyota has bought \$50 million worth of Tesla's stock, and signed a \$60 million deal to develop an electric vehicle together. □



NEW YORK – U.S. consumer sentiment rose more than expected in early November and hit its best level since June, helped by a slightly better economic outlook and early holiday sales, a survey showed on Friday.

The Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan's preliminary November reading on consumer sentiment came in at 69.3, up from 67.7 in October and slightly higher

than the median Reuters forecast of 69.0.

The reading on the overall index was just above the 68.2 average of the last four months but below the post-recession high of 76.0 from June, according to the report.

"The slight improvement in sentiment suggests that spending will continue at close to its current rate through Christmas, which is better than expected even a few months

Consumer sentiment rises to highest since June

ago. But it's not going to be enough to make a material dent in the unemployment rate," said Christopher Low, chief economist at FTN Financial in New York.

Unemployment, at 9.6 percent, is seen as one of the biggest drags on the U.S. economy, even though recent data has suggested small signs of economic improvement. Weekly jobless benefit claims, reported on Wednesday, hit a four-month low.

The sentiment survey's one-year inflation expectations measure also gained, edging up to 3.0 percent from 2.7 percent last month, and hit its highest level since May.

Speculation about higher inflation has risen with the Federal Reserve's announcement last week that

it would buy more debt in an effort to boost the economy.

"Even a marginally but noticeably higher inflation rate, especially for food and fuel, is likely to increase malaise and be associated with greater savings rather than spending," the sentiment survey's director, Richard Curtin, said in a statement.

Early holiday retail sales, however, helped consumer sentiment in recent weeks. Consumer spending typically accounts for about two-thirds of U.S. economic activity.

U.S. retail sales data for October is due on Monday. Some retailers have been cautiously optimistic about holiday spending so far, with J.C. Penney Co Inc (JCP.N) on Friday being the latest to forecast a rise in same-

store sales during the holiday quarter.

The survey's barometer of current economic conditions rose to 79.7 from October's reading of 76.6, also above a forecast of 77.0. Like the sentiment reading, it was the best level since June.

A gauge of consumer expectations rose to 62.7 from 61.9 in October.

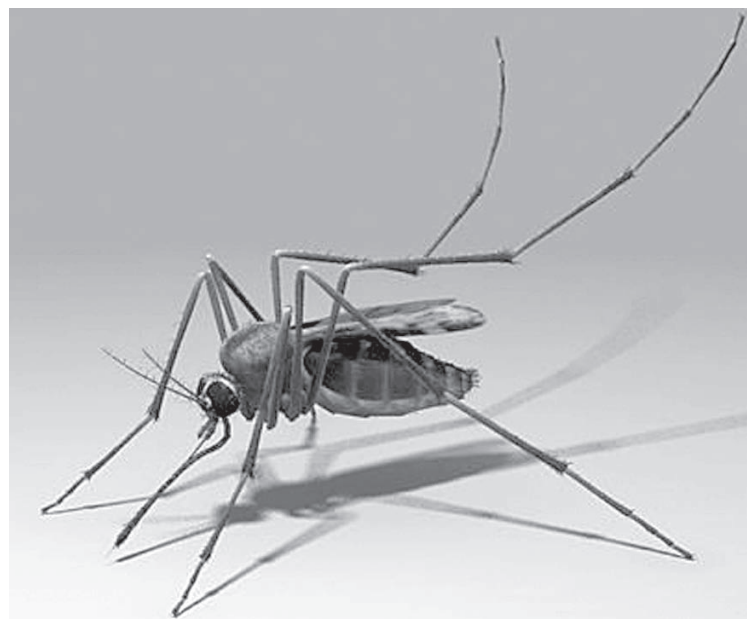
But it was below a forecast for 63.5.

U.S. markets showed little reaction to the sentiment data. But the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index (.SPX) fell 1.4 percent following a slide in natural resource stocks. Data on Thursday showed Chinese inflation sped to a 25-month high in October, signaling more policy tightening may be ahead. □

HEALTH

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Mutant mosquitoes fight dengue in Cayman Islands



LONDON – Scientists have released genetically modified mosquitoes in an experiment to fight dengue fever in the Cayman Islands, British experts said Thursday. It is the first time genetically altered mosquitoes have been set loose in the wild, after years of laboratory experiments and hypothetical calculations. But while scientists believe the trial could lead to a breakthrough in stopping the disease, critics argue the mutant mosquitoes might wreak havoc on the environment.

“This test in the Cayman Islands could be a big step forward,” said Andrew Read, a professor of biology and entomology at Pennsylvania State University, who was not involved in the project. “Anything that could selectively remove insects transmitting really nasty diseases would be very helpful,” he said. Dengue is a potentially fatal mosquito-borne disease that can cause fever, muscle and joint pain, and hemorrhagic bleeding. More than 2.5 billion people are at risk and

the World Health Organization estimates there are at least 50 million cases every year. There is no treatment or vaccine. Unlike malaria, which is also spread by mosquitoes, dengue outbreaks are unpredictable and bed nets are of limited use because dengue-spreading mosquitoes also bite during the day. Researchers at Oxitec Limited, an Oxford-based company, created sterile male mosquitoes by manipulating the insects’ DNA. Scientists in the Cayman Islands released 3 million mutant male mosquitoes to mate with wild female mosquitoes of the same species. That meant they wouldn’t be able to produce any offspring, which would lower the population. Only female mosquitoes bite humans and spread diseases. From May to October, scientists released batches of genetically mutated male mosquitoes in cages three times a week in a 40-acre (16-hectare) area. By August, mosquito numbers in that region dropped by 80 percent compared with a neighboring area where no sterile male

mosquitoes were released. Luke Alphey, Oxitec’s chief scientific officer, said with such a small area, it would have been very difficult to detect a drop in dengue cases. But their modeling estimates suggested an 80 percent reduction in mosquitoes should result in fewer dengue infections. For years, scientists have been working to create mutant mosquitoes to fight diseases like malaria and dengue, which they say could stop outbreaks before they start. But, others suspect it could be an environmental nightmare. “If we remove an insect like the mosquito from the ecosystem, we don’t know what the impact will be,” said Pete Riley, campaign director of GM Freeze, a British non-profit group that opposes genetic modification. He said mosquito larvae might be food for other species, which could starve if the larvae disappear. Or taking out adult mosquito predators might open up a slot for other insect species to slide in, potentially introducing new diseases.

Humans have a patchy track record of interfering with natural ecosystems, Riley said. In the past, such interventions have led to the overpopulation of species including rabbits and deer. “Nature often does just fine controlling its problems until we come along and blunder into it.” Oxitec’s Alphey said their genetically modified mosquitoes can’t permanently change the ecosystem because they only last for a generation. But to stamp out dengue in endemic areas like Asia and South America, billions of the special-order mosquitoes would likely be needed to stifle their wild counterparts. Yeya Toure, who leads the World Health Organization’s team on Innovative Vector Control Interventions, called the Cayman Islands trial promising and said it’s worth continuing the genetic modification experiments. He said genetically altered mosquitoes aren’t meant to replace existing tools like insecticides, but to compensate for their limitations, like when mosquitoes develop resistance.

Flu shots safe for pregnant women, study finds

NEW YORK— Adding to evidence that the flu shot is safe during pregnancy, a U.S. government study found no unusual complications among pregnant women who’ve received the vaccine in the past 20 years. Researchers found that between 1990 and 2009, there were 175 reports of possibly vaccine-related medical complications among pregnant women submitted to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). That amounts to an estimated rate of 12.5 reported complications per one million pregnant women vaccinated against the flu. Most were considered “non-serious.” And while there were some reports of miscarriage and stillbirth, the numbers were substantially lower than the average rates of those complications in the general population. VAERS is a vaccine-safety surveillance system run by the federal government; it allows

anyone including doctors, vaccine makers and vaccine recipients -- to report health problems that develop after a vaccination. Those reported problems are not necessarily caused by vaccination, so the VAERS system does not prove cause-and-effect. One of its goals is to help health officials spot new, unusual or rare side effects that may go undetected in the relatively small clinical studies done before and after a vaccine’s approval. The safety of the flu shot, which is made using killed influenza virus, has been studied in about 10,000 pregnant women, with no evidence that it presents a particular risk in this group. These latest findings “add to the existing evidence that the (flu shot) is safe for pregnant women,” lead researcher Dr. Pedro L. Moro, of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, told Reuters Health. □



You Are Only Coming Through in Waves

The Nation - What a weird election. For all the hysteria, Barack Obama is still pretty much the most popular practicing politician in America, and his polls remain roughly where two-termers Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan were during their first midterm elections. What's more, a recent New York Times poll found that while Obama's approval rating remains stuck around 43 percent among registered voters, about 60 percent of those polled say they are optimistic about the second half of his term and almost 70 percent predict the current downturn will be temporary. Rather amazingly, fewer than 10 percent blamed Obama and company for the economic problems, with the vast majority laying the blame where it belongs, on Wall Street and the Bush White House occupant. So why all the fuss?

Well, this being America, a great deal of easily exploitable ignorance is fueling the fire. Obama's healthcare reform, his financial reform, the stimulus, the saving of the auto industry, etc. make these two years among the most consequential in the past half-century. Yet according to a recent poll published in Politico, only 23 percent of respondents thought Congress accomplished more than usual, and a New York Times/CBS News poll found that fewer than 10 percent of Americans knew they'd gotten a tax cut, while three times that number were under the misimpression that their tax bite had gotten bigger. And how is it, one might fairly ask, that a 47-42 plurality told Bloomberg pollsters that they support a repeal of the healthcare reform law, but three-quarters of the very same people support a ban on insurance companies denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions, 67 percent support allowing children up to age 26 to stay on their parents' policies and 73 percent want to keep more prescription drug benefits for

those on Medicare? Um, these are the primary provisions of the law you people say you oppose. Hello?

It's easy to fall back on clichés. Voters expect too much from our political system. (Mike DeGasperi, a laid-off steelworker from Martins Ferry, Ohio, told a New York Times reporter, "We heard everything was going to change, but there hasn't been much change and the unemployment is still bad and the area we live in is still really depressed.") People have no sense of history. (Franklin Roosevelt was being pushed from the left by a genuine mass movement; Barack Obama is facing the opposite.)

Administration officials can console themselves with any number of such excuses. They did what was "right" instead of what was popular. As Obama told the Times's Peter Baker, "There is probably a perverse pride in my administration and I take responsibility for this; this was blowing from the top that we were going to do the right thing, even if short-term it was unpopular."

One can pick out the mistakes as one prefers. For instance, doing healthcare first, instead of financial reform, was clearly a miscalculation. But the biggest problem with this administration has been its refusal to recognize reality. Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell recently told National Journal, "The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term president." Nobody should be surprised. According to then-Republican Arlen Specter, before "the ink was dry on the oath of office," the Republican caucus was plotting how to defeat Obama in 2012. And Senator Jim DeMint famously promised healthcare reform could be used to "break" Obama from day one.

And yet Obama never admitted this. Faced with a media establishment that treats Fox News as, well,

"news" and considers Newt Gingrich a genuine sage, Obama bought into the Beltway pretense that Republicans were acting in good faith and that it was those pesky liberals who needed to be kept in line. Liberals were "fucking retarded," said Rahm Emanuel, who apologized to retarded people but not to liberals. "They will be satisfied when we have Canadian healthcare and we've eliminated the Pentagon. That's not reality," added Press Secretary Robert Gibbs. And Obama himself joshed, at a \$30,000 per person fundraiser at (yes) Rich Richman's house in Greenwich, Connecticut, "Gosh, we haven't yet brought about world peace and. I thought that was going to happen quicker." As if on cue, a Washington Post pundit said he was "proud of the president for...shaking the left by its shoulders, begging it to recognize how good they have it." Sun Tzu warned in The Art of War, "If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat." MSM pundits claim to be perplexed by Obama's ability to "lose by winning." Sun Tzu wouldn't be. My relationship with Ted Sorensen was largely social and professional, rather than personal, so I was much honored by his appearance on a panel discussion marking the launch of my book Why We're Liberals in 2008, sponsored by the Brennan Center. I would note, however, particularly on the fiftieth anniversary of John Kennedy's election to the presidency, that in 1952, when Kennedy had just made it to the Senate, both he and Henry "Scoop" Jackson courted 24-year-old Sorensen to be their principal aide. Jackson was considered to be the more liberal legislator at the time, and young, politically inclined lawyers did not come any more liberal than Sorensen. But after mulling over both offers, Sorensen picked Kennedy because, he explained in his



memoir, Kennedy offered him a real opportunity "to serve." To those of us who admire Kennedy most of all for the inspirational rhetoric he offered the nations well as his remarkably cool head during the Cuban missile crisis one has to be honest and admit that these gifts would likely have been in considerably shorter supply without Sorensen by his side. Ted was a liberal's liberal. And we are a better, fairer and indeed richer nation for that service to his friend, his president... and to us. □

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NASA's new space telescope costs shoot the moon

WASHINGTON — The cost of NASA's replacement for the Hubble Space Telescope is giving new meaning to the word astronomical, growing another \$1.5 billion, according to a new internal NASA study released Wednesday.

NASA's explanation: We're better rocket scientists than accountants. Management and others didn't notice that key costs for the James Webb Space Telescope weren't included during a major program review in July 2008, officials said.

The study says in the best case scenario it will now cost about \$6.5 billion to launch and run the powerful, new telescope. And that can happen only if NASA adds an extra \$500 million in the next two years over current budget plans. If the agency can't get the extra money from Congress, it will ultimately cost even more and take longer to launch the telescope.

Before now, the cost of the telescope had already ballooned from \$3.5 billion to \$5 billion.

NASA officials said they had not done a good job of figuring out the confirmation cost for the massive telescope. The report said the budget in 2008 "understated the real requirements" and managers didn't realize how inadequate it was.

"We were missing a certain fraction of what was going on," NASA associate administrator Chris Scolese

said in a late Wednesday afternoon teleconference.

The Webb telescope, "we hope is just an aberration," Scolese said, but suggested there may be other budget-busting projects. He said the agency is now reviewing all its projects, not just to find extra money for Webb but to see if there are similar cases of poor budgeting.

The costs aren't because of problems with the technology, design or construction of the instrument. NASA said, technically, it is in good shape. It is designed to look deeper in the universe to the first galaxies. A collaboration with the European Space Agency, the telescope is being built by Northrop Grumman and will be run out of Baltimore, Md., like Hubble.

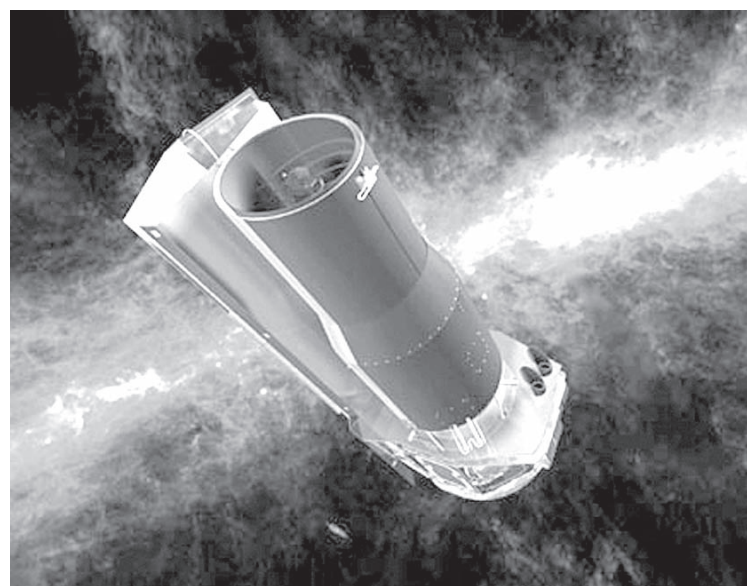
The fault "lies with us, no question about it," Scolese said.

The Webb telescope is already late. When first announced more than a dozen years ago, it was supposed to launch in 2007. That was eventually delayed until 2014. The new report, issued at the request of the Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., says the earliest launch date now would be September 2015.

Scolese said technically the telescope was not confirmed as a project until 2008 even though many millions of dollars had been spent on it and NASA had been promoting it since 1998. In 2008, NASA said it would cost \$5 billion

and that's the number to use for how overbudget it is, Scolese said. But previous numbers that NASA provided said it would cost \$3.5 billion. This follows the well-worn path of the Hubble telescope. In current dollars, it cost NASA \$4.7 billion to build and launch Hubble and then another \$1.1 billion to fix it in orbit.

Astronomer Garth Illingworth, a professor at University of California Santa Cruz and a member of the internal study team, said Webb will be worth the money.



He said the Webb "is hugely 100 times more powerful at more powerful than Hubble, least." □

Researcher Unearths Business Lessons from Chilean Miners



Don't be surprised if you see a Chilean miner or two ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange sometime soon. Apparently, life underground was more

like a corporate board meeting than an episode of "Survivor." That's the finding of a business professor who studied the miners' experience and has determined that American

corporations could learn a lot from how the 33 Chilean miners and the company they worked for handled the crisis. The biggest takeaways are that leadership does not always come from the top down and everyone in a company has something to contribute.

"Corporate America has a lot to learn from the Chilean miners," said Ron Dufresne, assistant professor of management at Saint Joseph's University who followed the media coverage of the miners and drew his conclusions based on researching the available information on how the company handled the crisis. "One critical takeaway from this experience is the power of vulnerability," he added.

"Leadership happens because of vulnerability."

By "vulnerability," Dufresne means that the mine owner, the San Esteban Mining Company, was willing to acknowledge that they did not have all the answers and reached out to the world for help.

"The thing that stands out to me is the fact that this is a highly technical company, but when disaster struck, the senior leaders were open to being vulnerable and realized they needed help and asked for it," Dufresne told BusinessNewsDaily. □

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Cuba busca reanimar turismo crucero con arribo de buque Gemini

LA HABANA (Reuters) - Cuba intentará reanimar su deprimido turismo de crucero con la apertura el viernes de una nueva línea regular que toca varios puertos del Caribe, incluido La Habana, un destino vedado desde hace años debido a las sanciones económicas de Estados Unidos. El buque Gemini, de la compañía española Happy Cruises, atracó en el puerto de La Habana con más de 200 pasajeros de 11 países, después de cuatro años de contracción del negocio tras la retirada de empresas de España y Alemania.

“La operación de cruceros en Cuba ha estado extremadamente limitada por las leyes del bloqueo (embargo) norteamericano y prácticamente no se lograba una operación regular



El buque ‘Gemini’ a su llegada a la bahía de la Habana, nov 12 2010. REUTERS/Desmond Boylan

2.000 millones de dólares a la frágil economía de la isla. Gemini saldrá todas las semanas desde La Habana y realizará un trayecto de ocho días que lo llevará a Cancún, y Cozumel; en México, Gran Cayman, Isla Paraíso; en la Isla de la Juventud, y concluirá su ruta nuevamente en la capital cubana.

Pullmantur, de España, fue la última compañía que atracaba regularmente en La Habana desde el 2006 hasta que decidió cerrar sus operaciones en Cuba tras ser absorbida por la estadounidense Royal Caribbean Cruise. Washington aplica al Gobierno comunista un embargo de casi medio siglo que incluye sanciones a los buques estadounidenses que toquen puertos cubanos e impide que sus turistas viajen libremente a la isla. □

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